

Idaho White-tailed Deer Hunter Survey

Statewide Results

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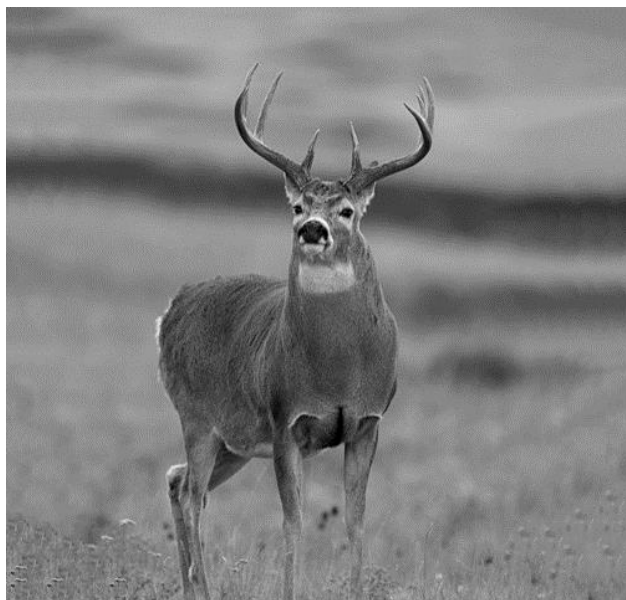
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Idaho White-tailed Deer Hunter Survey

Summary of Statewide Results

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In 2018 2,922 white-tailed deer hunters responded to our mail survey. An additional 3,757 hunters responded to our email survey and 1,057 hunters submitted responses via the internet. In 2003 740 deer hunters responded to the mail survey.

When analyzing the 2018 data, we took into account where an individual hunted during the 2017 hunting season. Respondents were grouped based on whether they hunted white-tailed deer in northern Idaho (i.e., Regions 1 or 2), southern Idaho (i.e., Regions 3-7), or did not hunt white-tailed deer during 2017. This was done to be consistent with the 2003 White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey.

In 2018 we specifically targeted white-tailed deer hunters when sampling. However, at the time of the 2003 survey we did not have information that allowed us to discern white-tailed deer hunters from mule deer hunters. As a result, more individuals who considered themselves primarily mule deer hunters were included in 2003 than in 2018 (Q3, 63% in 2003 vs. 21% in 2018).

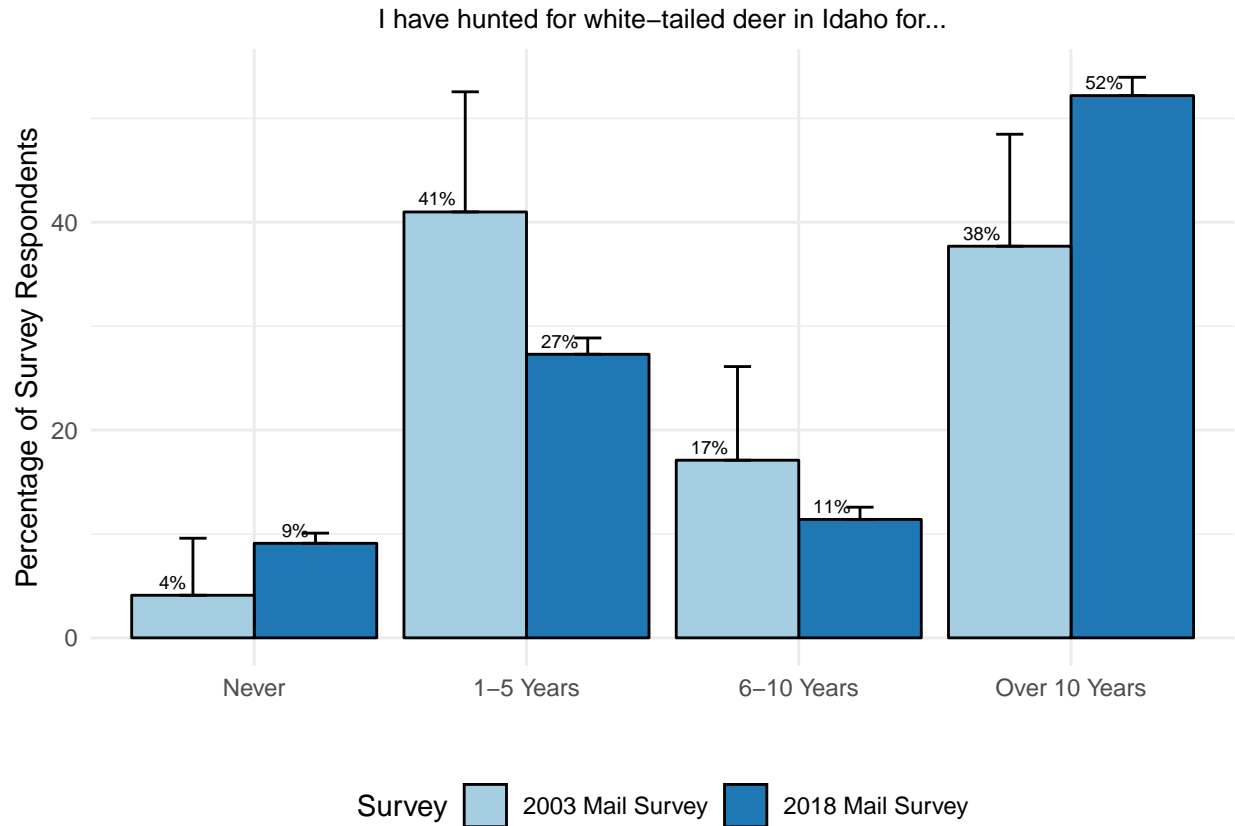
To make more meaningful comparisons between the surveys, we limited our 2003 sample to individuals that identified as primarily white-tailed deer hunters based on their response to Question 3 (392 individuals). (All estimates are presented with upper 95% confidence limits capped vertical lines.)

White-tailed Deer harvest categories were defined as follows:

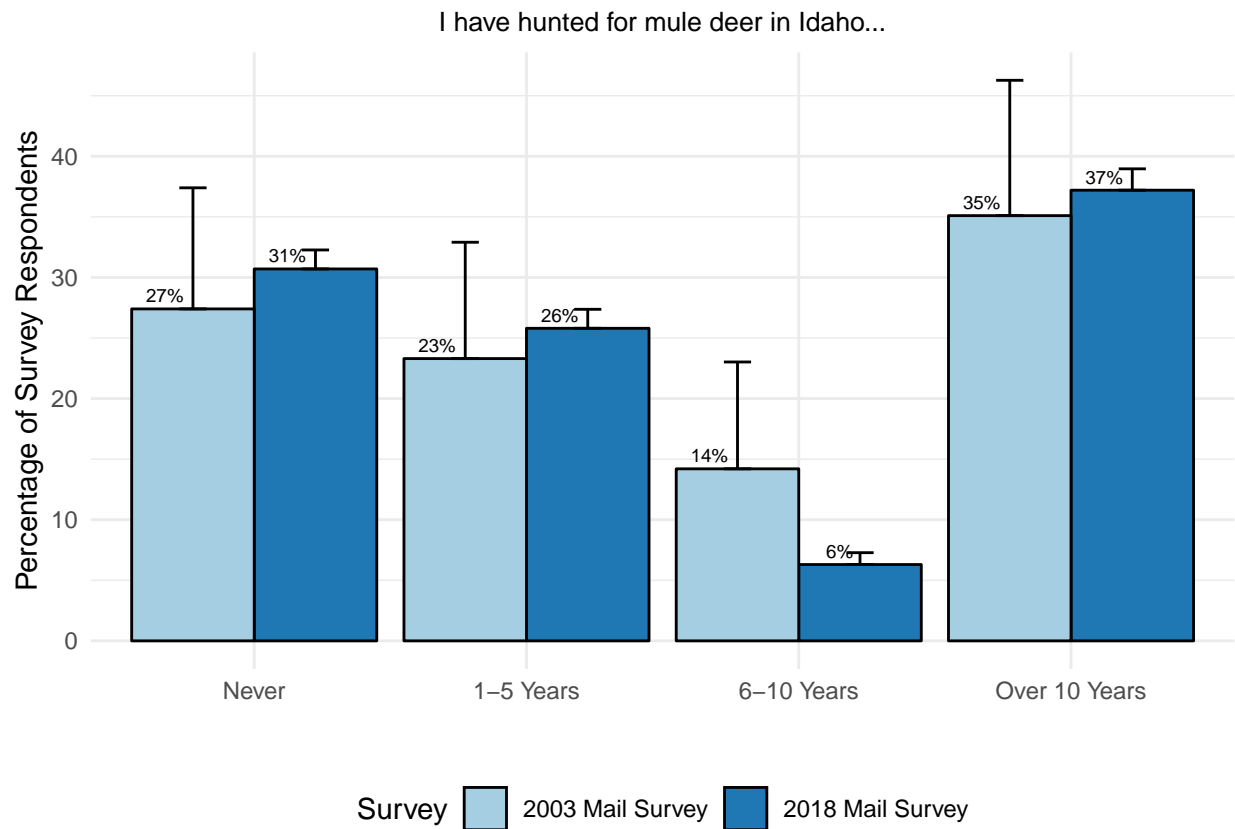
- **Large** White-tailed Deer - Antlers extend outside the ears, 5 or more points a side.
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- **Any** White-tailed Deer - All of the above.

Experience Level (Q 1, 2 and 3)

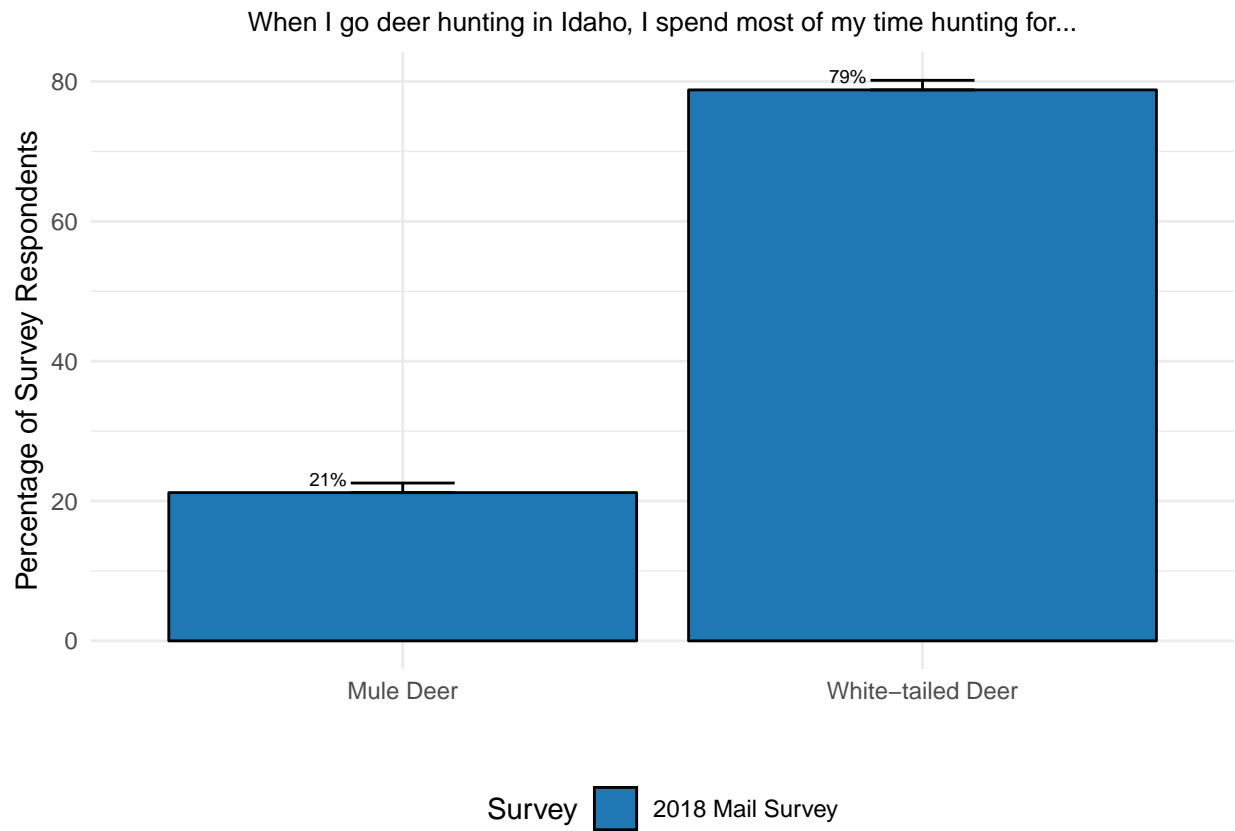
In 2018 slightly over one half (52%) of survey respondents had **more than** 10 years of experience hunting white-tailed deer in Idaho (Q1).



In 2018 approximately one third (31%) of survey respondents had **never** hunted mule deer in Idaho, while approximately one third (37%) had **more than** 10 years' experience hunting mule deer in Idaho (Q2).

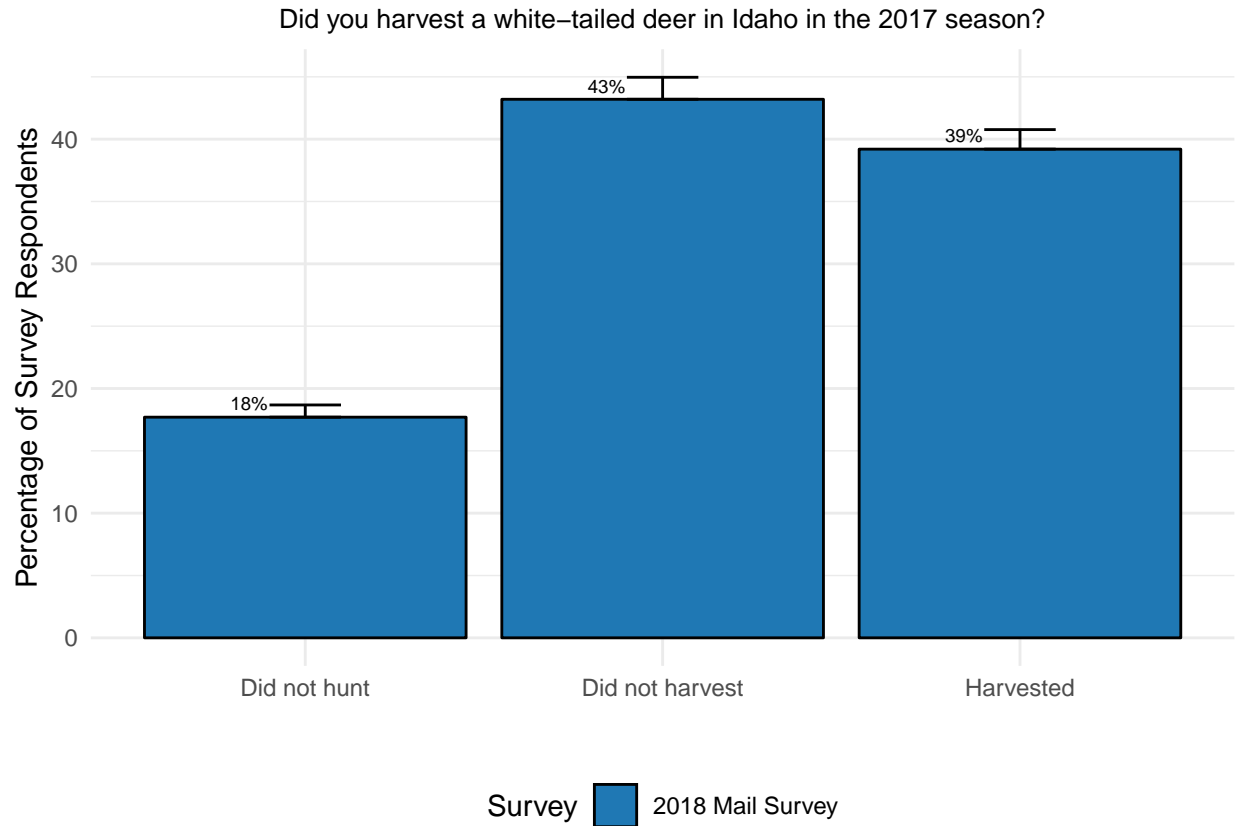


In 2018 most (79%) of survey respondents reported they spent most of their time hunting for white-tailed deer in Idaho (Q3).

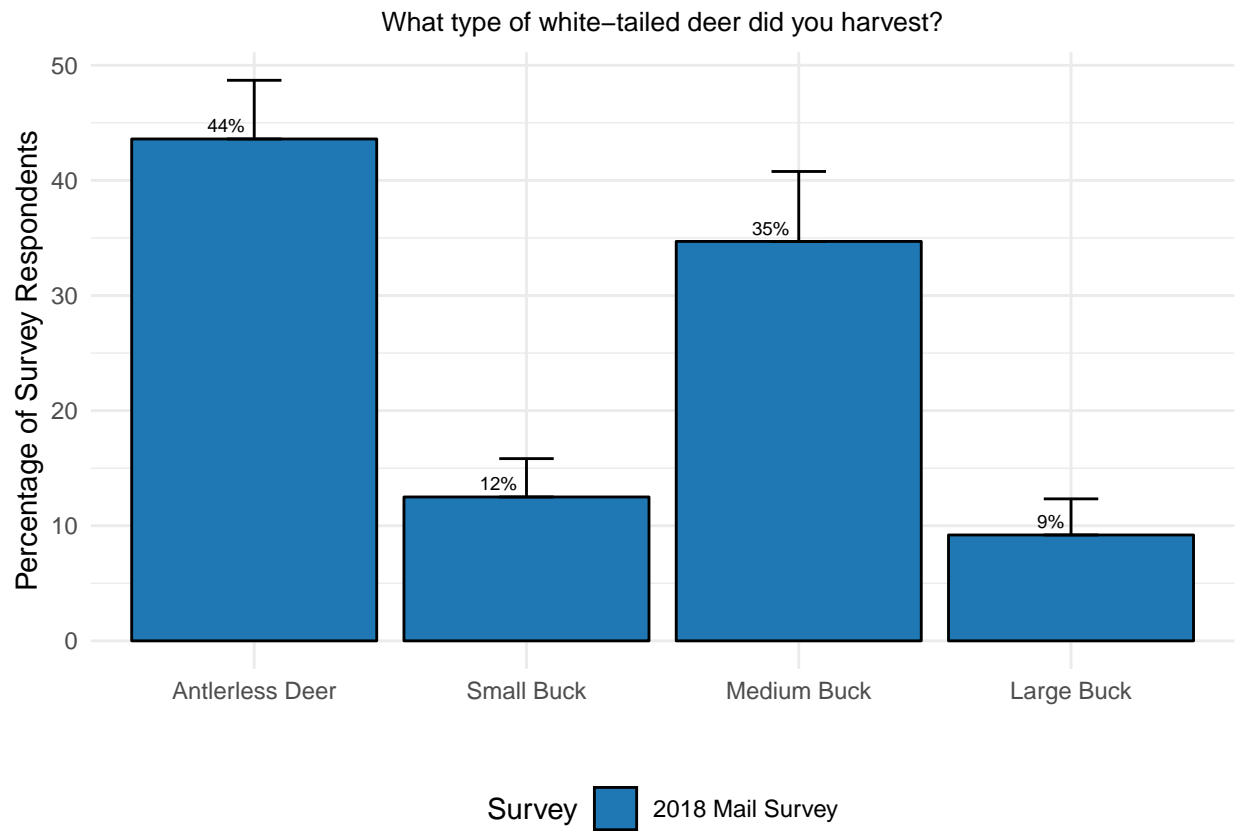


2017 Harvest (Q 4 and 4A)

During the 2017 hunting season 39% of the survey respondents filled their tag (Q4). This question was not asked in 2003.

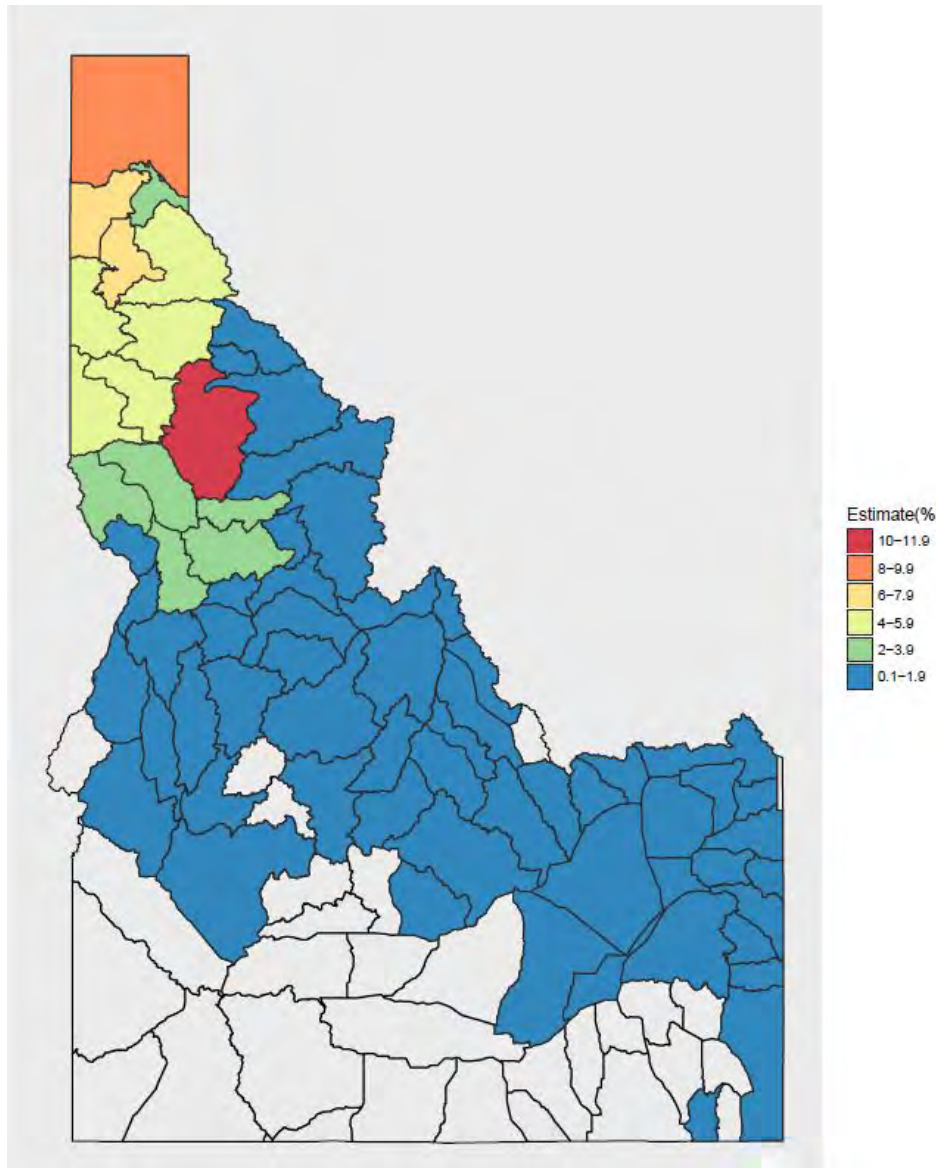


The largest percent of white-tailed deer taken in 2017 were medium bucks and antlerless animals (Q4A). This question was not asked in 2003.

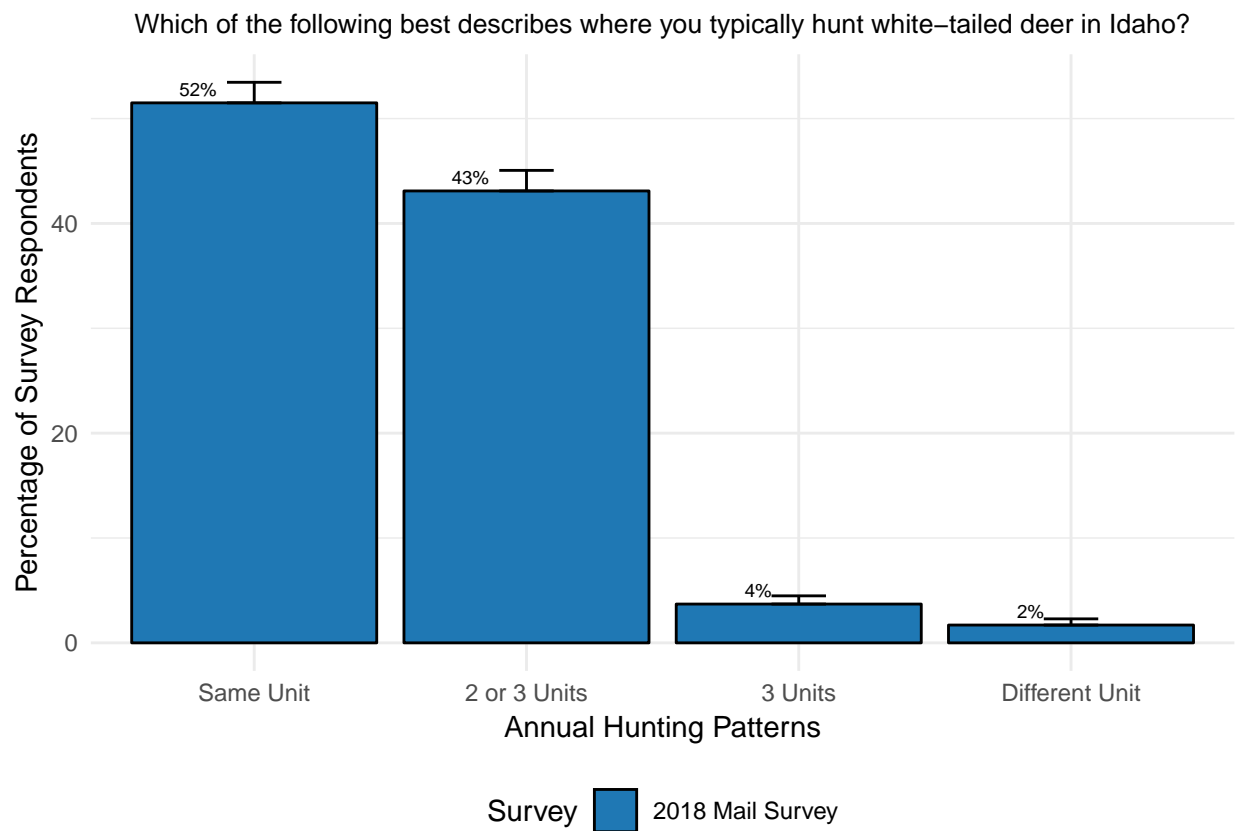


Where Do They Hunt (Q 5 and 6)

For survey respondents reporting via mail, the top 5 units hunted in during 2017 were 10A, 1, 3, 2, and 4. For those responding via email, the top 5 units were 10A, 1, 8A, 3, and 2. For those responding via the internet, the top 5 units were 10A, 8A, 8, 11A, and 5 (Q5). The figure below depicts the percentage of survey respondents reporting via mail that hunted in each unit.

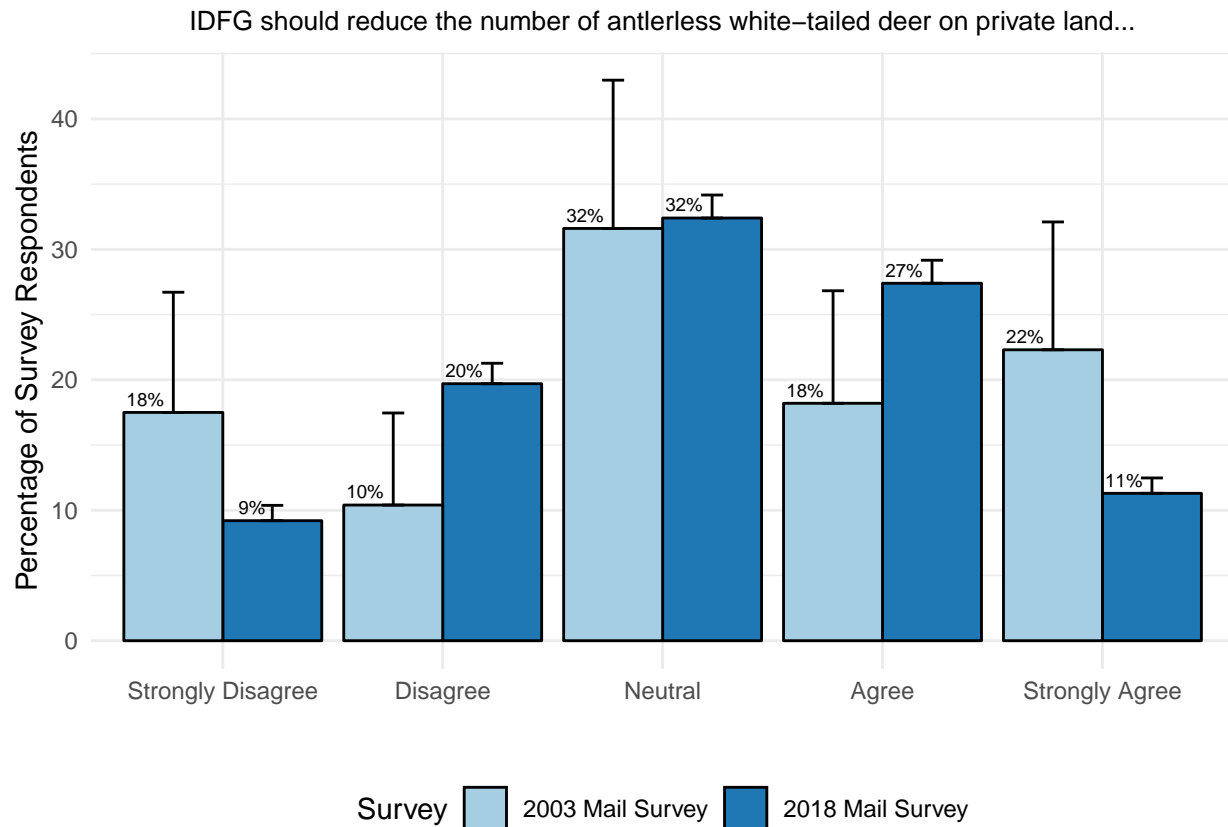


In 2018, slightly more than half (52%) of survey respondents reported that they hunted for white-tailed deer in the same unit every year. This question was not asked in 2003.

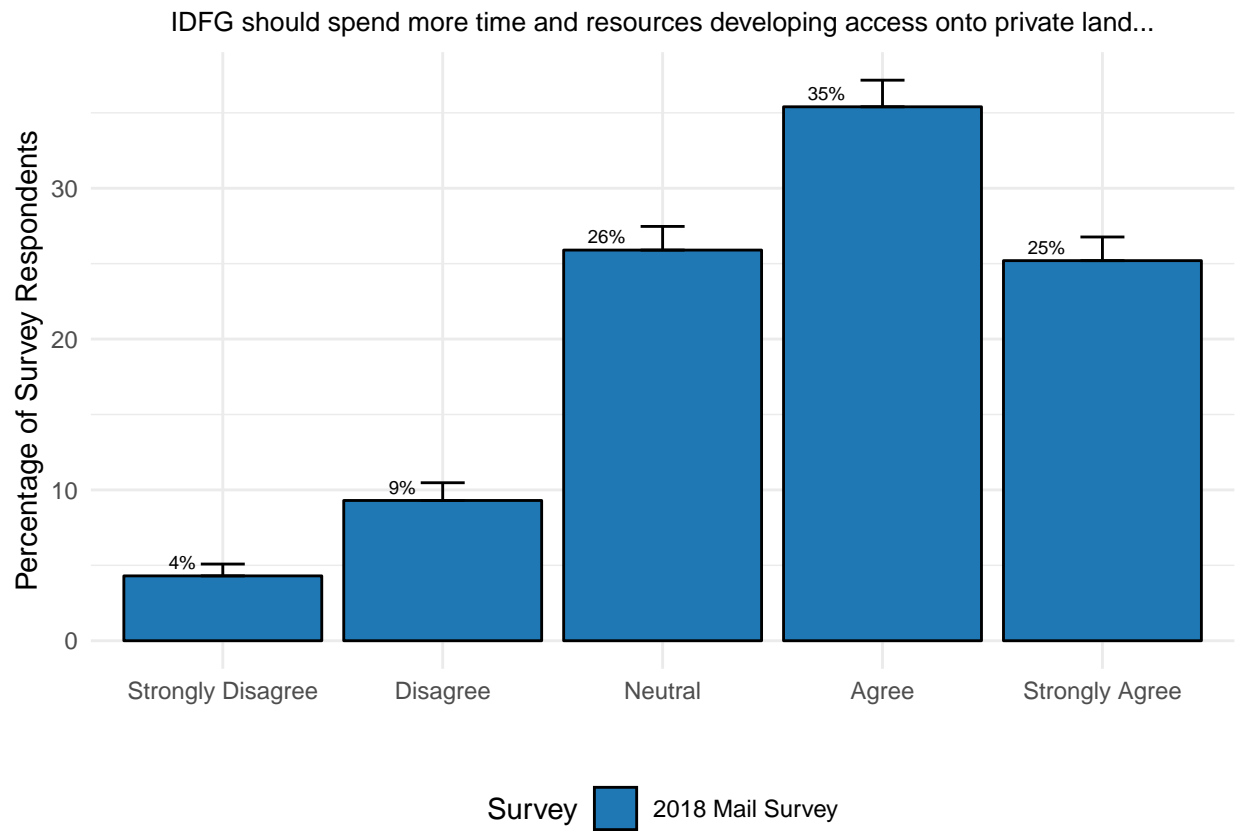


Antlerless Harvest and Access to Private Land (Q 7 and 8)

Slightly **fewer** 2018 survey respondents reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing (38%) that IDFG should reduce antlerless white-tailed deer on private land to resolve depredation problems compared to the 2003 survey (40%) (Q7).



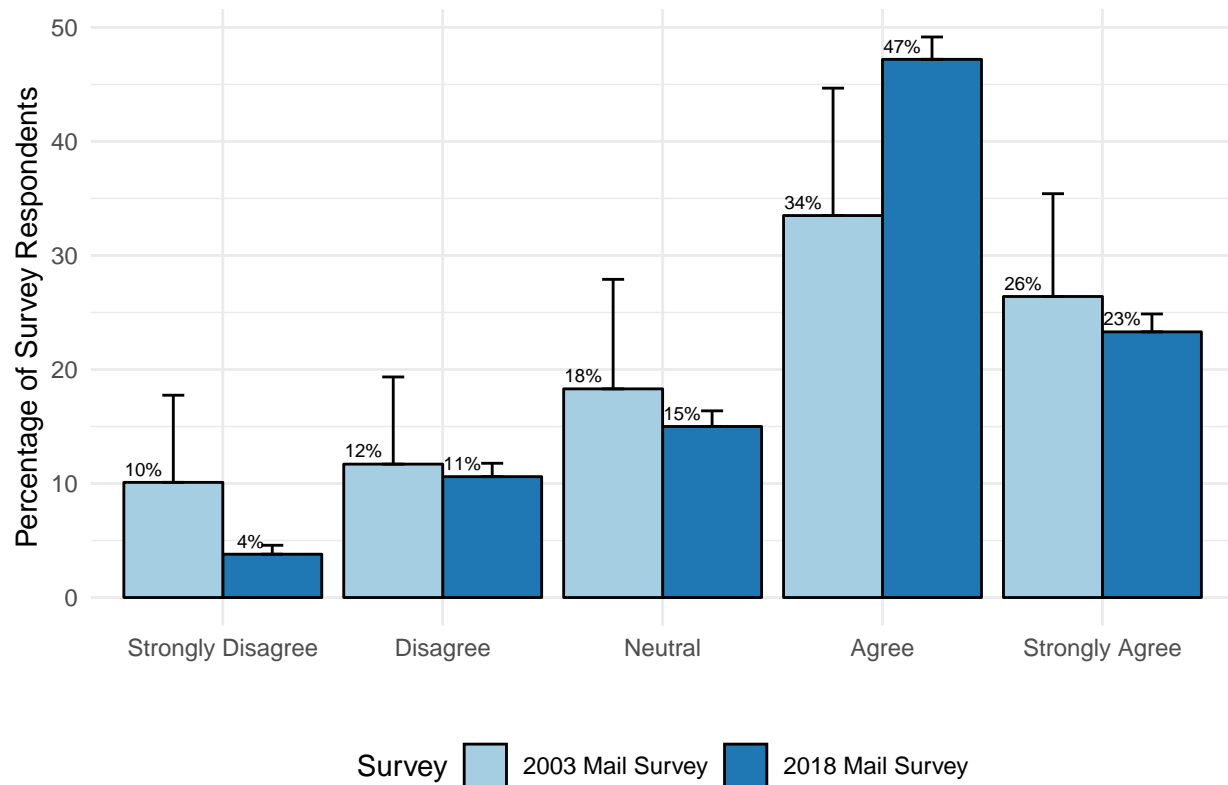
Most 2018 survey respondents (60%) reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing that IDFG should spend **more time and resources** developing access onto private land for the purpose of hunting (Q8). This question was not asked in 2003.



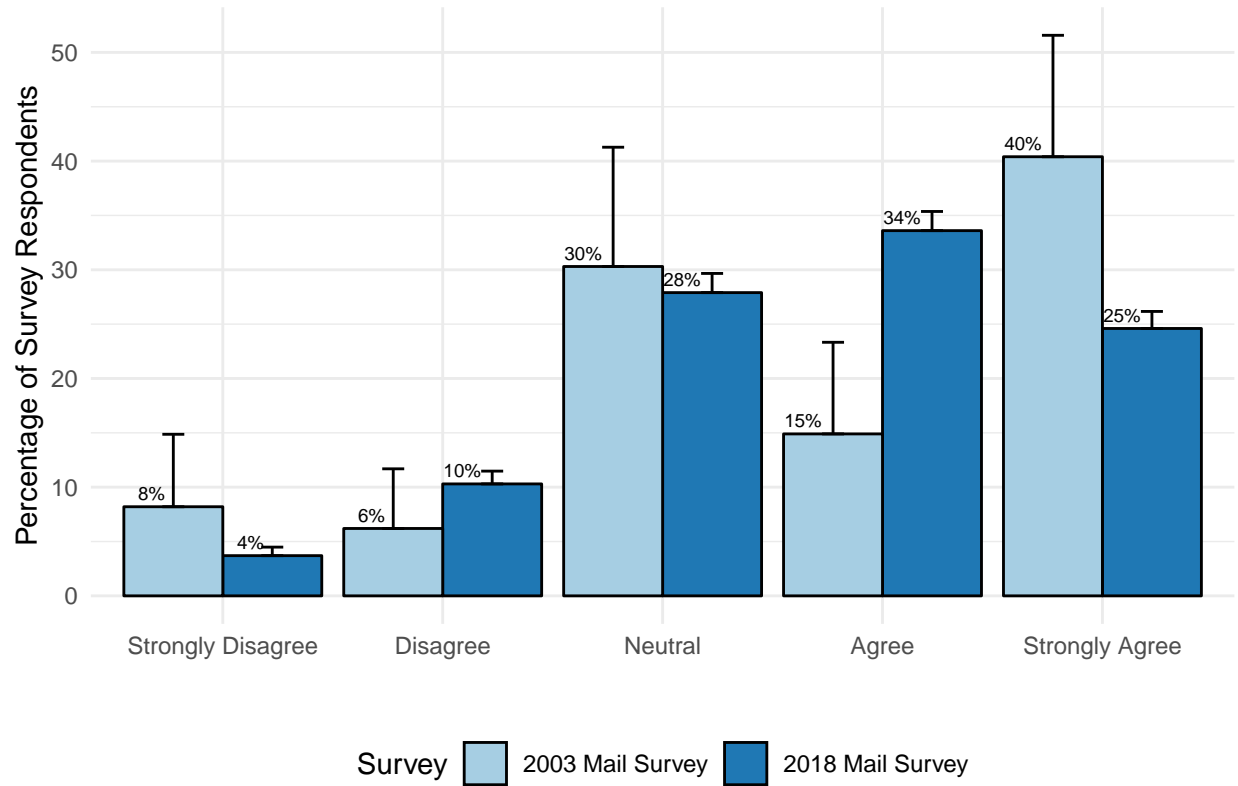
Hunt Opportunity (Q 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)

Overall, **more** survey respondents reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the following statements in 2018 than in 2003:

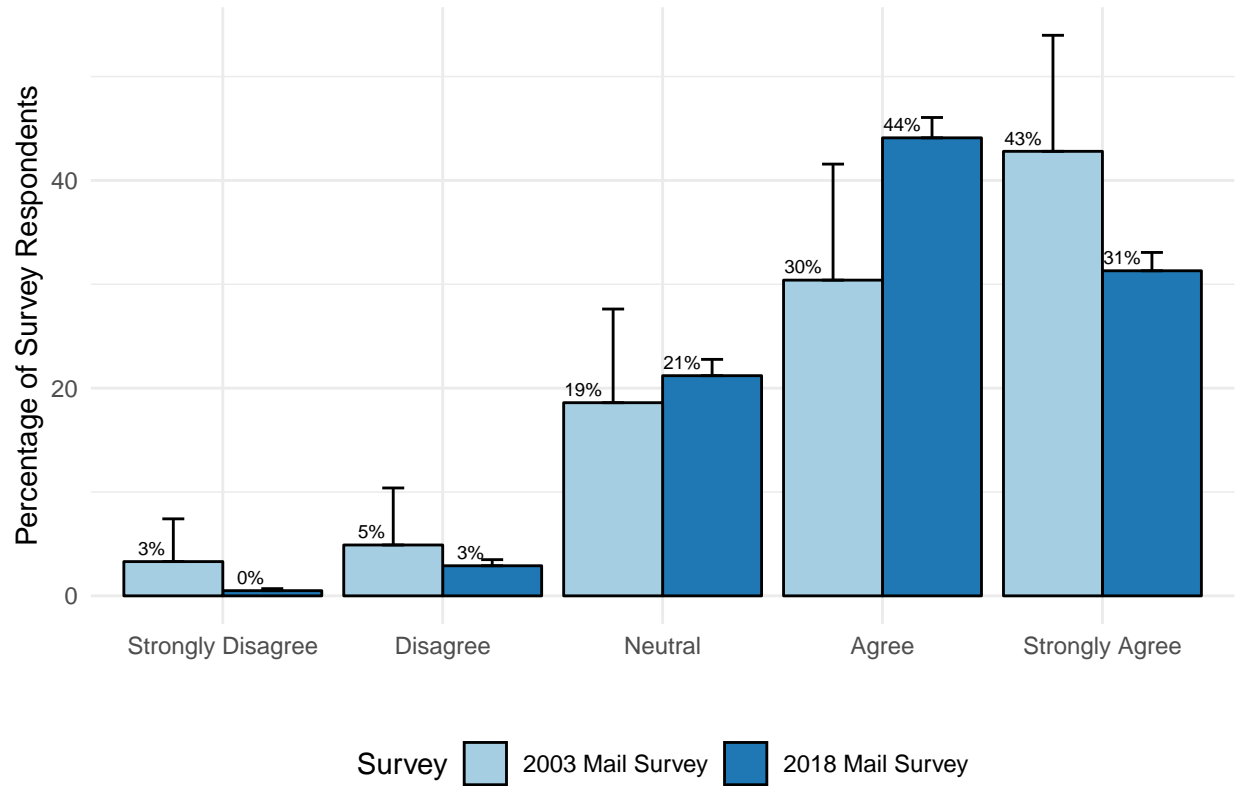
“I am satisfied with the number of days of white-tailed deer hunting opportunity”; 70% in 2018 vs. 60% in 2003 (Q9).



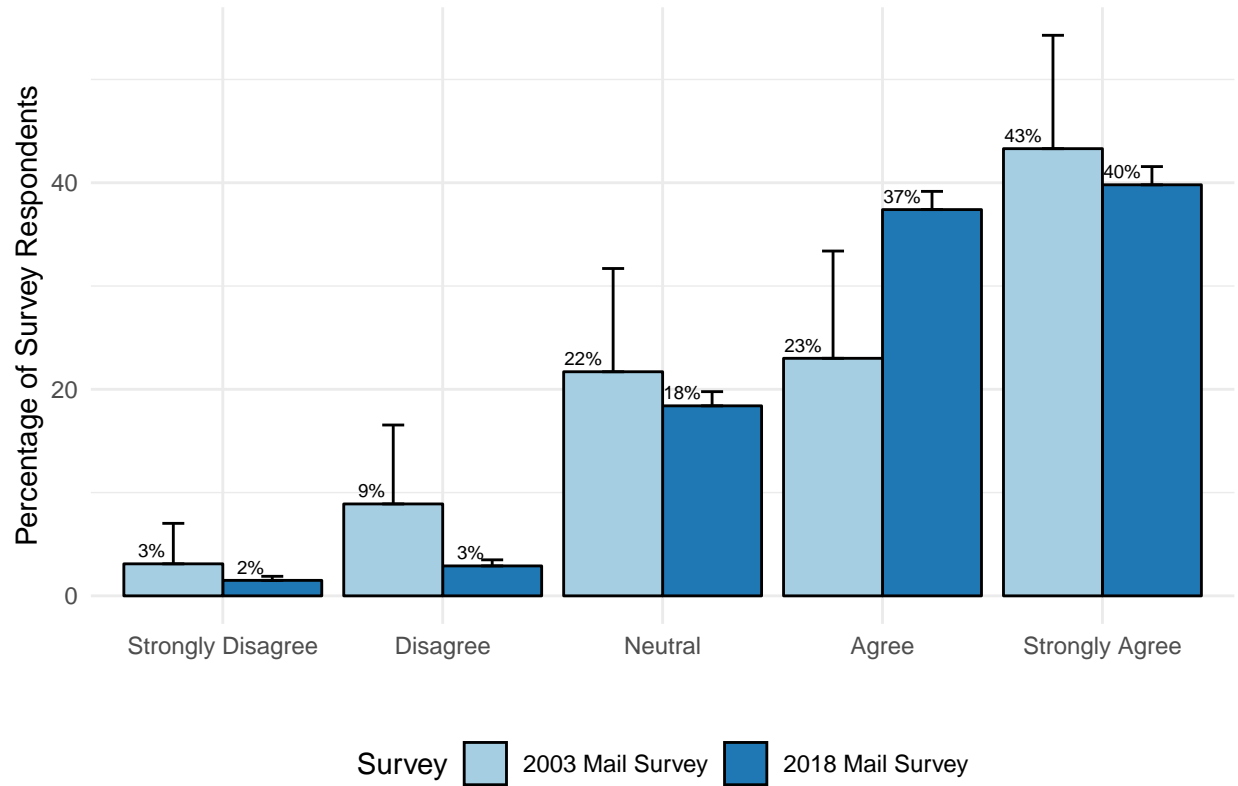
“It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as elk”; 59% in 2018 vs. 55% in 2003 (Q11).



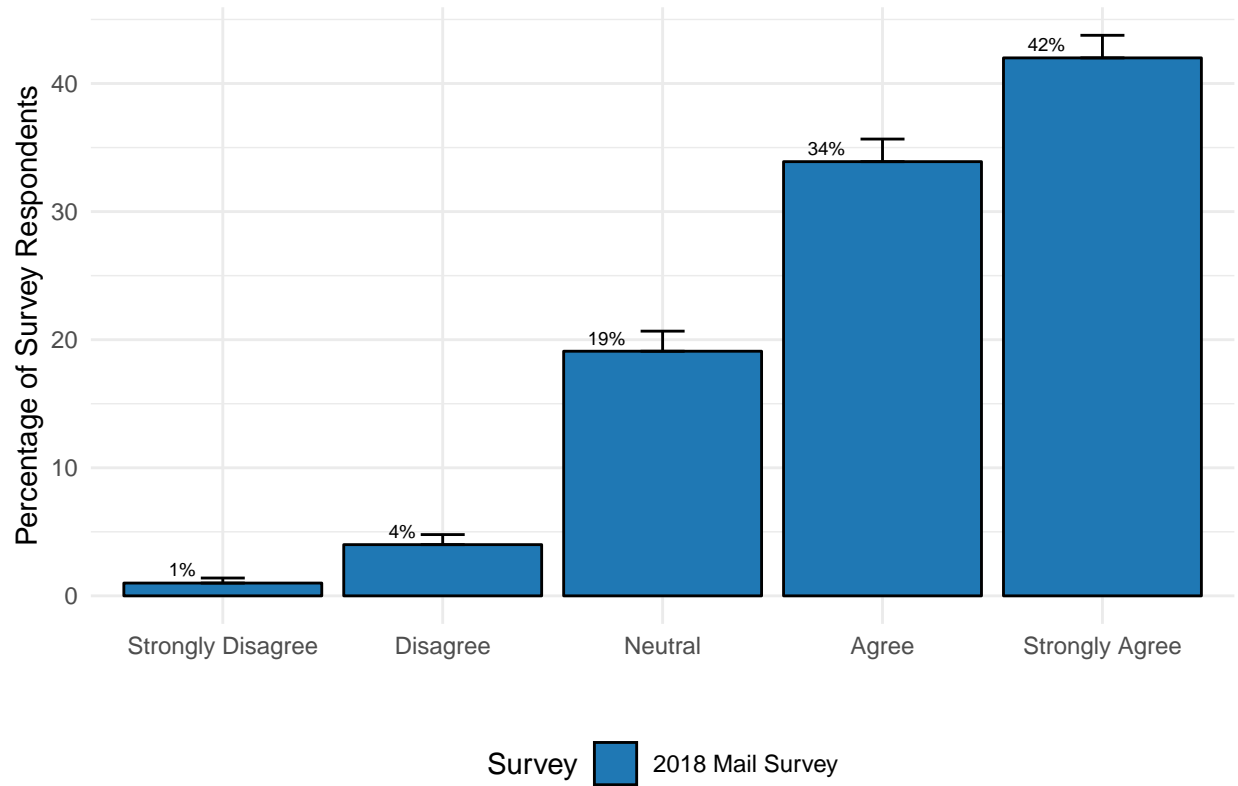
“It is important for me to be able to hunt white-tailed deer in early November”; 75% in 2018 vs. to 73% in 2003 (Q13).



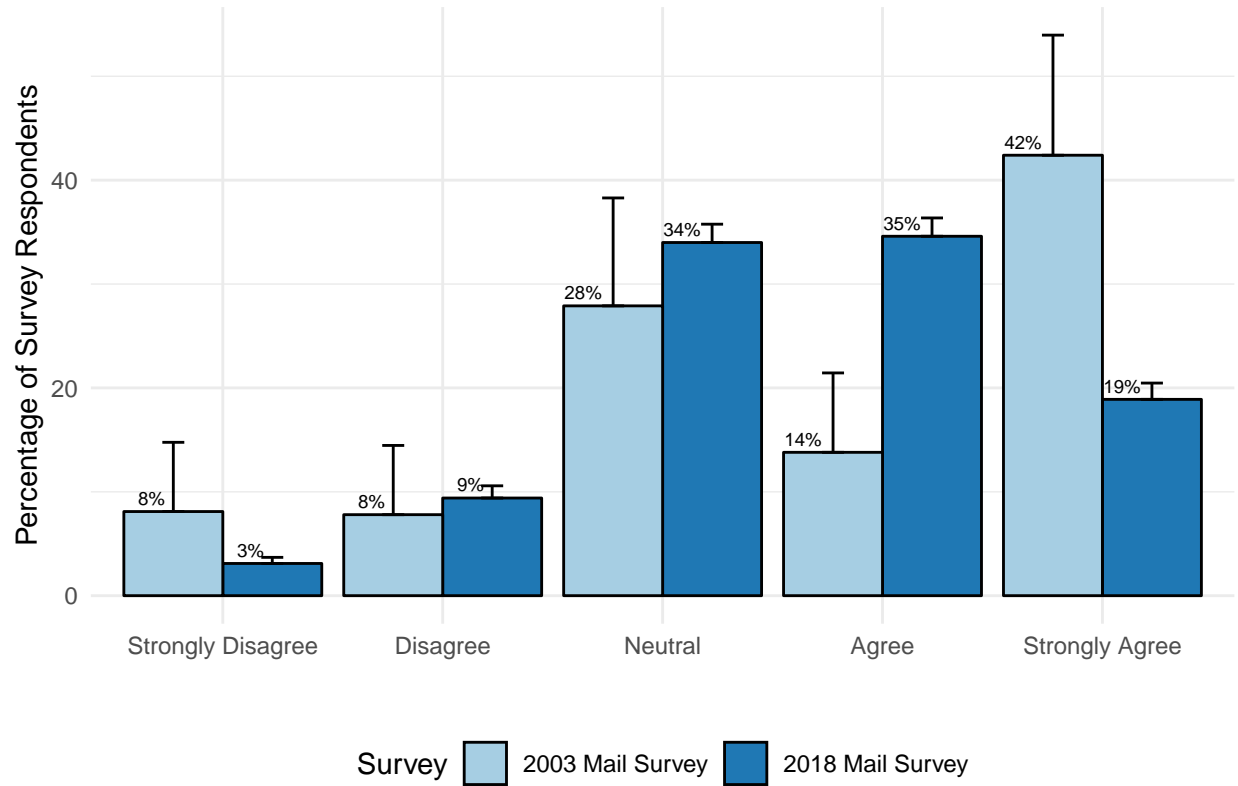
“It is important for me to be able to hunt white-tailed deer in late November”; 77% in 2018 vs. to 66% in 2003 (Q14).



“It is important for me to be able to hunt a white-tailed buck *every year*”; 76% agreed or strongly agreed (Q15). This question was not asked in 2003.



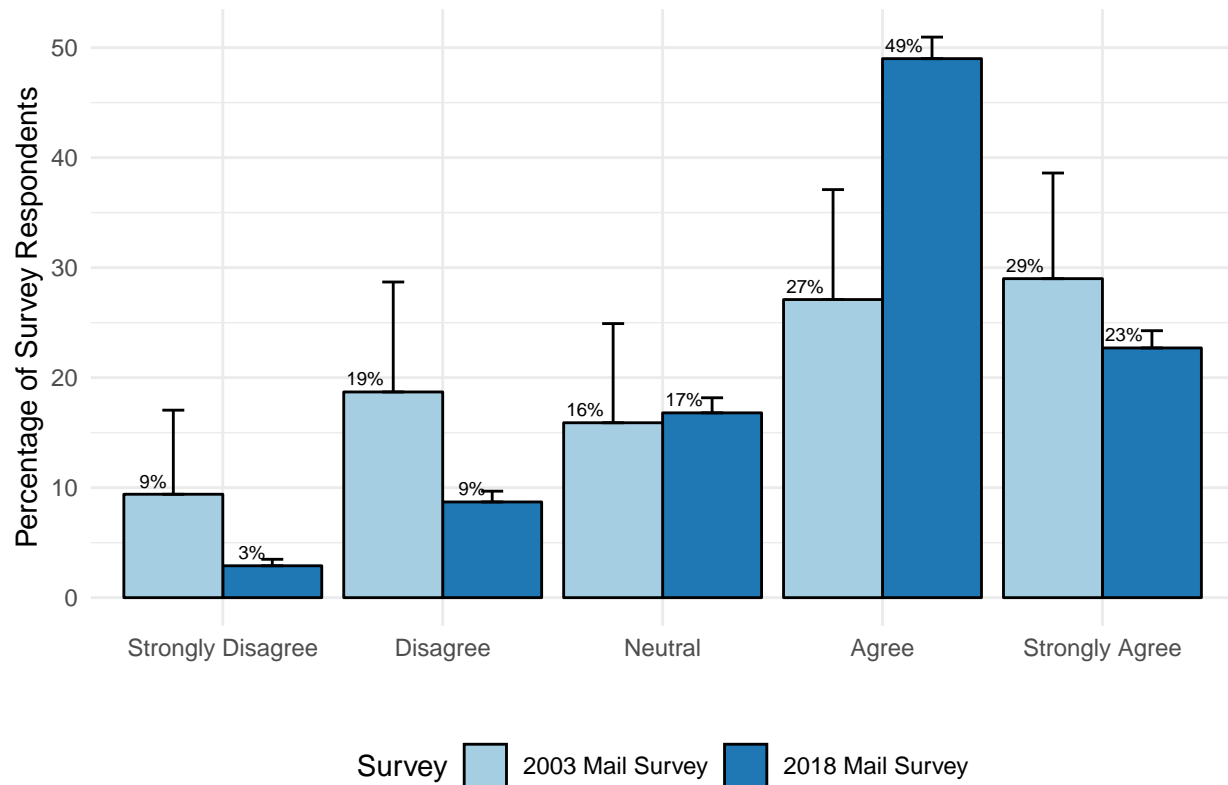
Slightly **fewer** survey respondents reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the following statement. **“It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as mule deer”**; 54% in 2018 vs. 56% in 2003 (Q12).



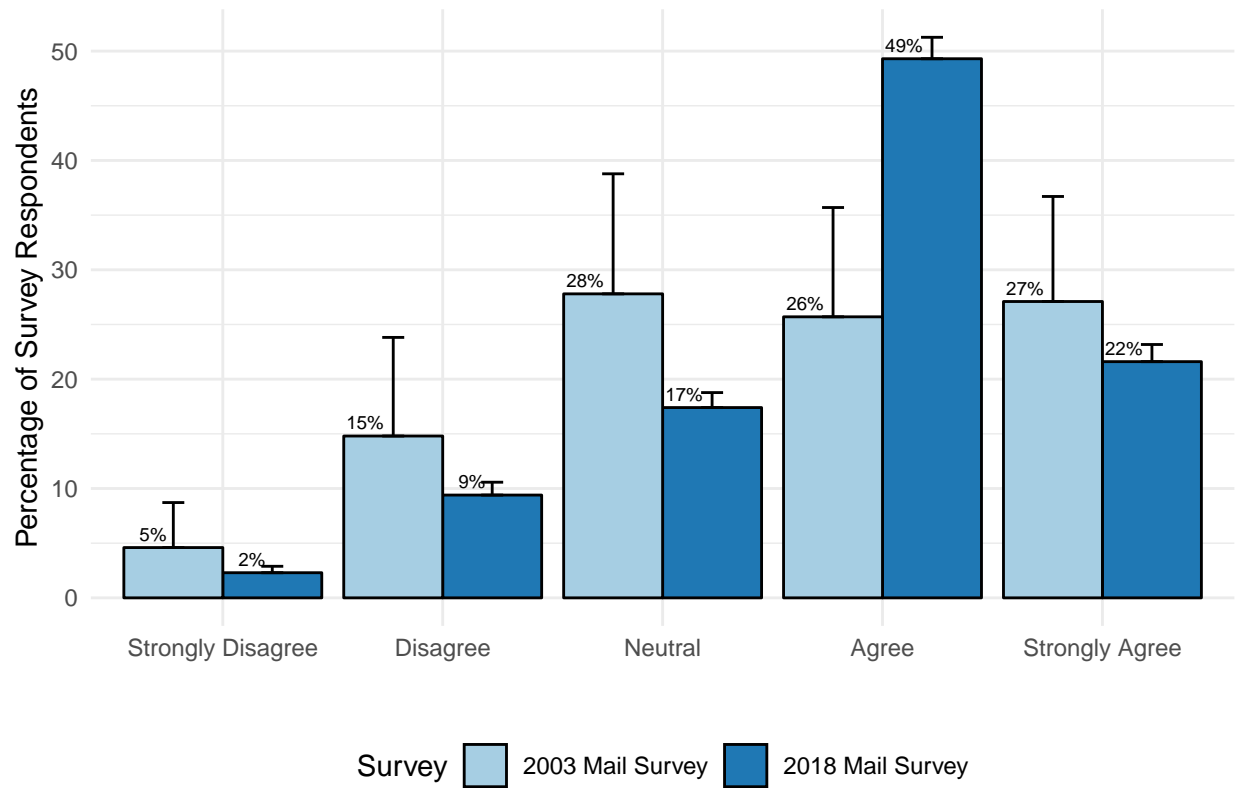
Hunter Satisfaction (Q 10, 16, 17, 18)

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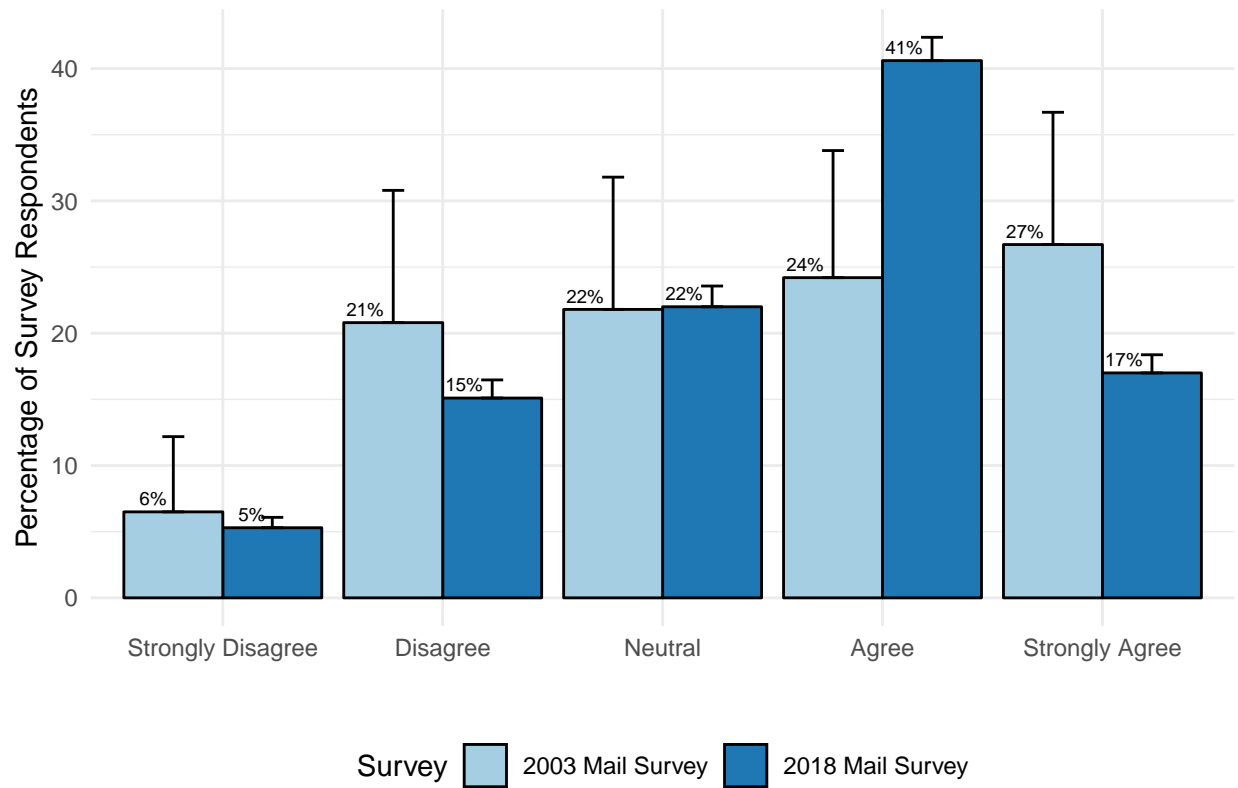
“I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a white-tailed deer”; 72% in 2018 vs. 56 % in 2003 (Q10).



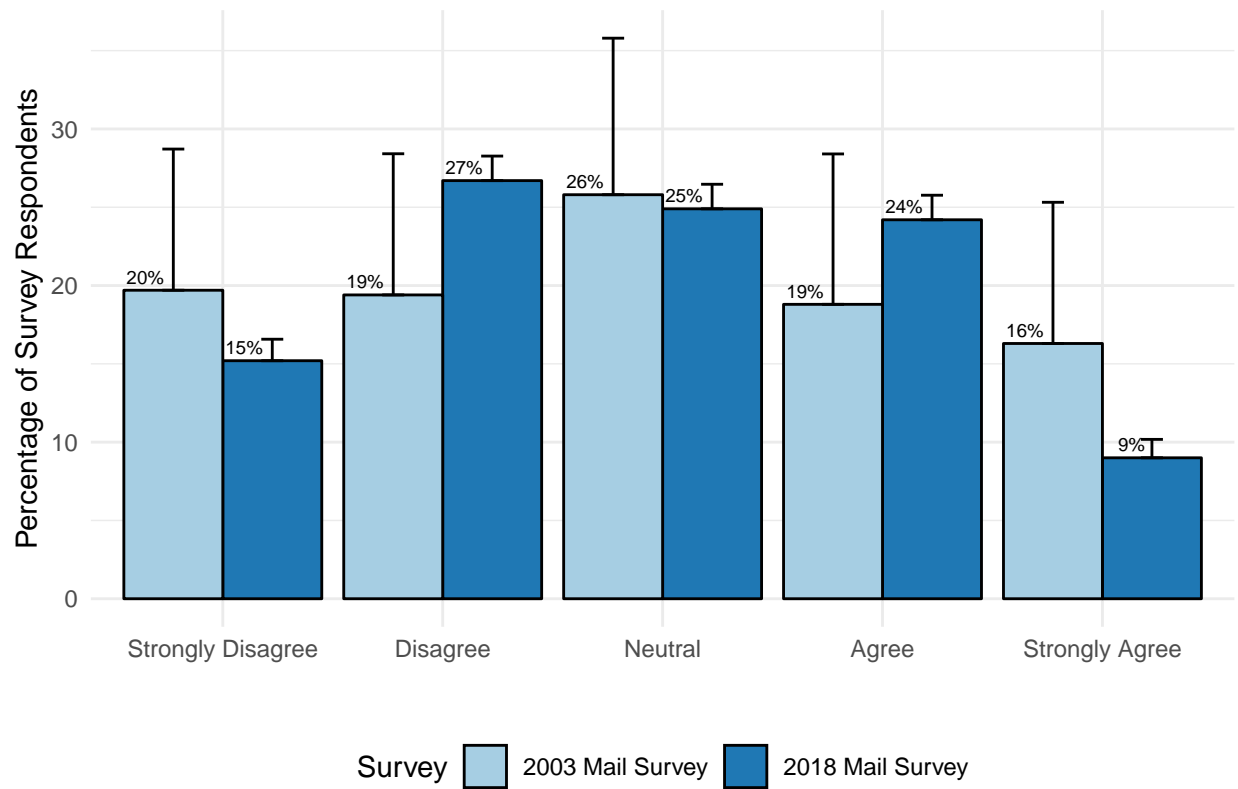
“I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a white-tailed buck”; 71% in 2018 vs. to 53% in 2003 (Q16).



“I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a *mature* white-tailed buck”; 58% in 2018 vs. 51% in 2003 (Q17).

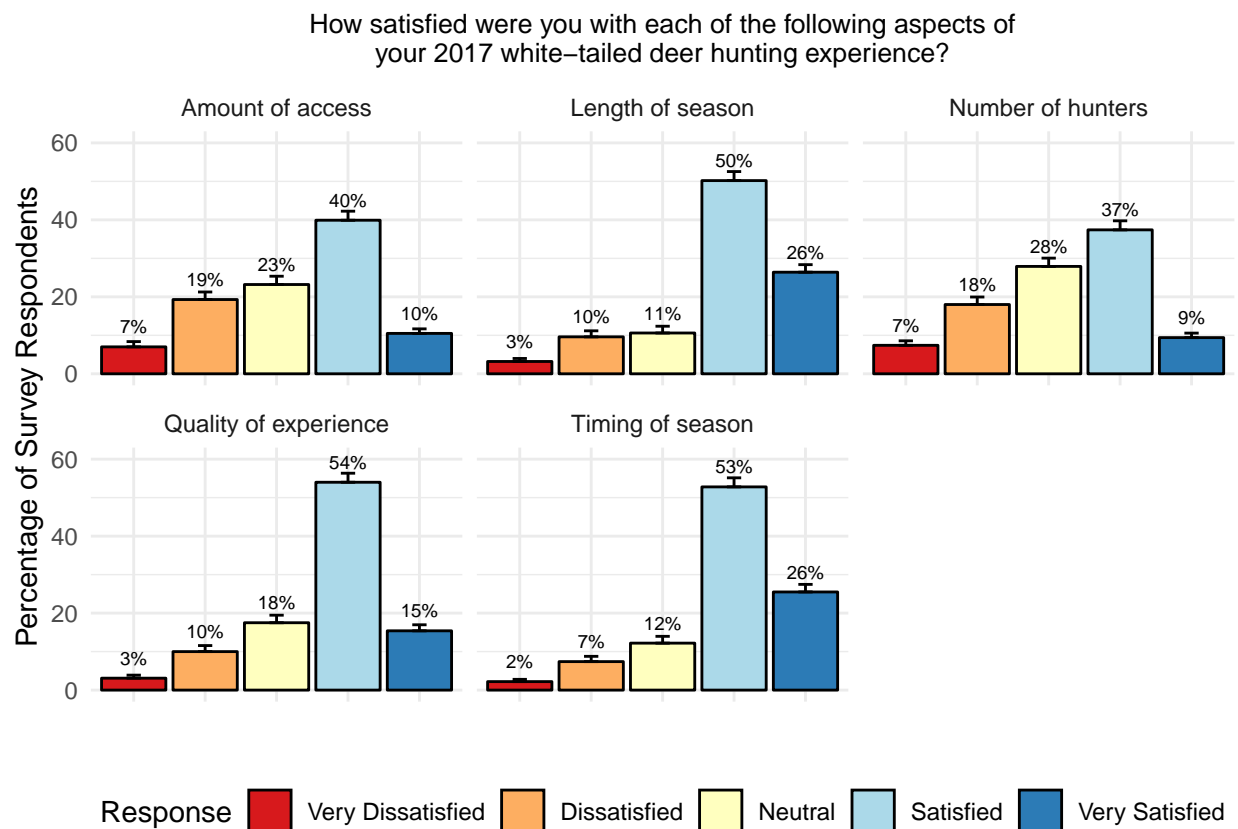


Overall, in 2018 **more** survey respondents (42%) disagreed or strongly disagreed than agreed or strongly agreed (33%) when asked if **“Some units should be managed for large white-tailed bucks, even if it means shorter seasons or controlled hunts.”** (Q18).



2017 Hunting Experience (Q 19)

Most survey respondents were either satisfied or neutral about the ‘Amount of access’ (50% satisfied and 23% neutral), ‘Length of season’ (76% satisfied and 11% neutral), ‘Number of hunters’ (46% satisfied and 28% neutral), ‘Quality of experience’ (69% satisfied and 18% neutral), and ‘Timing of season’ (79% and 12% neutral). **In all 5 categories, significantly more survey respondents were satisfied or very satisfied than dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.** We did not ask this question in 2003.



Comments from Very Dissatisfied Survey Respondents (Q 20)

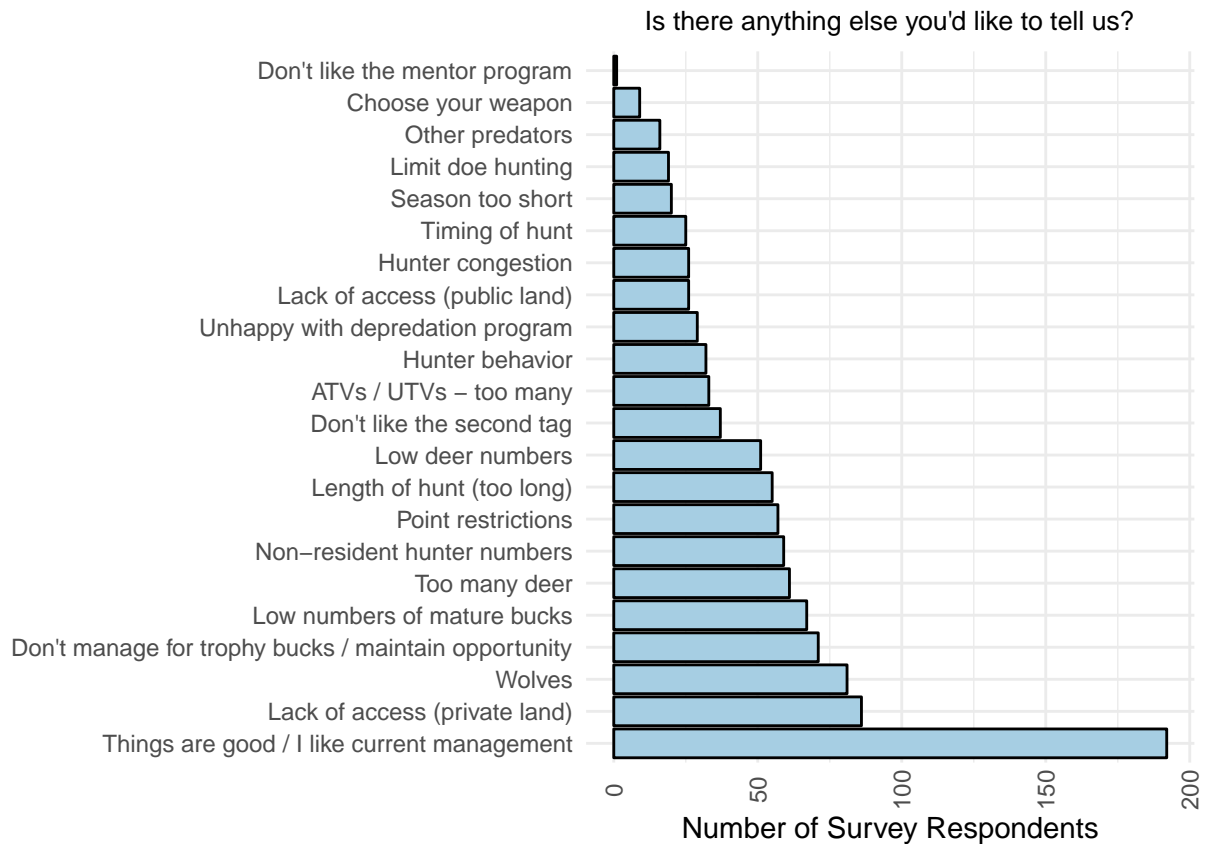
16% of all Mail Survey respondents indicated they were ‘Very Dissatisfied’ for at least one of the characteristics in question 19. This question was not asked in 2003.

Table 1: Number of respondents who indicated they were ‘Very Dissatisfied’ for at least one category in question 19 by reason for dissatisfaction.

Reason	2018 Mail Survey
Things are good / I like current management	18
Non-resident hunter numbers	118
Hunter behavior	30
Timing of hunt	20
Season too short	37
Length of hunt (too long)	183
Lack of access (private land)	149
Lack of access (public land)	60
Unhappy with depredation program	14
Wolves	19
Other predators	4
Low deer numbers	34
Low numbers of mature bucks	45
Hunter congestion	89
Point restrictions	5
Don’t manage for trophy bucks / maintain opportunity	5
Choose your weapon	2
Don’t like the second tag	21
Don’t like the mentor program	0
ATVs / UTVs - too many	42
Limit doe hunting	7
Too many deer	3

Overall Comments on White-tailed Deer Hunting in Idaho (Q 21)

We invited survey respondents to provide us with input about hunting white-tailed deer in Idaho. We summarized these written responses by topic. Below we present written comments from the 2018 Mail Survey. Most who chose to comment indicated they were satisfied with current management strategies and white-tailed deer hunting in Idaho.



Future Direction for White-tailed Deer Management in Idaho

In 2018, a survey was conducted to gain a better understanding of the needs and experiences of white-tailed deer hunters in Idaho. This was the first time a comprehensive survey had been conducted since the statewide white-tailed deer plan was written in 2005. Prior to the 2005 white-tailed deer plan, IDFG conducted a statewide random survey of white-tailed deer hunters. The random survey was designed to: 1) measure thoughts on private property issues, 2) hunting opportunities, 3) buck management, and 4) hunter satisfaction. In 2003, 740 hunters responded to the random mail survey. The 2018 survey was kept as similar as possible to allow results to be compared to the 2003 findings.

During February, 2018, 4,994 surveys were mailed out to roughly 16% of the randomly selected 2017 white-tailed deer hunters in each of the 7 regions within the state, along with nonresidents. A total of 2,922 surveys were returned. In addition, 14,193 surveys were emailed to all white-tailed deer hunters for which we had email addresses that were not already a part of the random mail survey. A total of 3,757 hunters responded. The survey was also made available for anyone to take on our IDFG web site. A total 1,057 people completed the survey on line. Results from the random mail survey were analyzed at the statewide level and also by North Idaho (Regions 1 and 2) and South Idaho (Regions 3-7) and were compared to the 2003 findings.

Things that are good

As a whole, it appears the white-tailed deer hunter satisfaction level has increased over the 2003 hunter survey. When asked a series of questions about their satisfaction with their chance to harvest a white-tailed deer, chance to harvest a white-tailed buck, and chance to harvest a mature white-tailed buck, all responses exceeded 2003 results.

When hunters were asked about their satisfaction concerning their 2017 hunting experience: amount of access, length of season, number of hunters, quality of experience and timing of season, in all 5 categories significantly more hunters were Satisfied or Very Satisfied than were Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied.

When asked, "Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about hunting white-tailed deer in Idaho?" the number one response was, "things are good, like current management."

Issues of Concern

Issues that dissatisfied hunters have concerns with include: length of hunt, lack of access to private land, hunter congestion to include non-resident hunter numbers. Even though season length was identified as a concern, there is strong support for hunting early November (75%) and late November (77%). Given white-tailed deer are often tied to private agricultural land and cause depredations, hunters would like to see additional time and resources spent on developing more access to private land. Hunter congestion was also an important issue. A series of mild winters has allowed for deer populations to grow and with a recovery in the economy, people have more expendable income. Up until 2017, deer tags sales had increased steadily since 2011, up 27%. A segment of the hunting public would like to see more emphasis placed on quality hunting opportunities.

New Information and Plan Revision

Unlike mule deer helicopter surveys, aerial surveys are not a viable methodology for white-tailed deer in forested habitats. White-tailed deer surveys on the ground can be difficult given the terrain and habitat they live in. New survey techniques are being developed using cameras to monitor, fawn and buck to doe ratios along with a measure of buck quality. Hunter harvest surveys may need to be revised to better capture buck quality given the great variation in antler conformation.

Similar to mule deer, the issue of hunter congestion will need further review. Given how much Idaho sportsman enjoy hunting every year, there will be no easy or simple solutions to this issue.

2018 Statewide White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey Report

Idaho Department Of Fish and Game

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Overview

In 2018, Idaho Fish and Game randomly sampled 4,996 Idaho white-tailed deer hunters stratified by region of residence (i.e. the 7 Idaho management regions and an eighth strata for non-residents). The sample was drawn at an approximately 0.16 sampling rate from a population of 2017 hunters, identified as individuals that bought a 2017 Idaho deer tag, completed a Mandatory Hunter Report, were over 18 years of age, and identified that the deer species they primarily hunted was either white-tailed deer or unknown. The sampled individuals were then mailed a 2018 White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey.

Concurrently, Idaho Fish and Game contacted 14,193 white-tailed deer hunters via email and provided them with an electronic link to the 2018 White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey. These individuals were sampled at 100% from a population defined by the above in addition to the presence of an email address and absence from the sample selected to receive the mailed survey.

Non-sampled individuals were also able to voluntarily fill out a 2018 White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey online (hereafter: Internet Survey).

There were 2,922 individuals who responded to our Mail Survey (mean response rate of 58%). An additional 3,757 individuals responded to our Email Survey (mean response rate of 26%). Finally, 1,057 individuals voluntarily submitted responses via the internet.

Prior to analyzing the data for the 2018 White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey, we reviewed the data and removed inconsistent responses. For example, if an individual responded that they had not hunted in the previous hunting seasons, we removed all responses on questions related to hunting during that previous hunting season. In addition, if respondents selected multiple options when explicitly asked to select only one option, these response were excluded from the analysis.

In 2003, Idaho Fish and Game randomly sampled 2,000 Idaho deer hunters stratified by whether they hunted white-tailed deer in northern Idaho (i.e. Regions 1 and 2) or southern Idaho (i.e. Regions 3-7) in the previous hunting season. The sample was drawn at an approximately 0.02 sampling rate from a population of Idaho deer hunters that completed a 2002 Mandatory Hunter Report. These hunters were mailed a survey to which there was a approximately 37% response rate. During the 2003 survey, an additional strata of Idaho Landowners were also sampled, however when re-analyzing these data for comparison to the 2018 survey we excluded this group because landowners were not specifically targeted for sampling during the 2018 survey.

To be consistent with the analysis of the 2003 White-tailed Deer Hunter Opinion Survey data, when analyzing the 2018 data, we post-stratified based on where an individual hunted during the 2017 hunting season. We used the game management units provided in the Mandatory Hunter Reports to sort respondents into the following three strata: respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in northern Idaho (i.e. hunted in Regions 1 or 2), respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in southern Idaho (i.e. hunted in Regions 3-7), and respondents that reported they did not hunt white-tailed deer during 2017.

In 2018 we specifically targeted white-tailed deer hunters when sampling for the survey. However, at the time of the 2003 survey we were unable to discern white-tailed deer hunters from mule deer hunters when sampling. As a result, more individuals who considered themselves primarily mule deer hunters were included in 2003 than in 2018 (Q3, 63% in 2003 vs. 21% in 2018).

In order to make more meaningful comparisons between the surveys, we limited our 2003 sample to those individuals that identified as primarily white-tailed deer hunters based on their response to Question 3 (392 individuals). This resulted in a sample of 359 individuals who hunted in northern Idaho and a sample of 33 individuals who hunted in southern Idaho. All estimates are presented with upper 95% confidence limits (capped vertical lines).

In the following report we provide both Statewide estimates (i.e. which include the responses of individuals that did not hunt) as well as by area of the state hunted (e.g. Northern or Southern Idaho). While we only compared and interpreted estimates from the random Mail Surveys in 2018 and 2003, we also report estimates from the 2018 Email Survey and 2018 Internet Survey. However, the use and interpretation of self-selected internet surveys, such as the one made available in 2018, is highly discouraged. More often than not, respondents to such surveys are a non-representative sample that yields biased results whose opinions fail to exemplify those of the population of interest (Couper 2000)¹.

We highlighted the 2018 Mail Survey estimates in yellow if they were significantly different than the respective 2003 Mail Survey estimates (p-value < 0.05).

Terminology

White-tailed Deer harvest categories were defined as follows:

- **Large White-tailed Deer** - Antlers extend outside the ears, 5 or more points a side.
- **Medium White-tailed Deer** - Antlers do not extend outside the ears, 3-4 points a side.
- **Small White-tailed Deer** - Antlers with 1-2 points a side.
- **Antlerless White-tailed Deer** - Does or fawns.
- **Any White-tailed Deer** - All of the above.

¹Couper, M.P., 2000. Web surveys: A review of issues and approaches. The Public Opinion Quarterly, 64(4), pp.464-494

Question 1 – “*I have hunted for white-tailed deer in Idaho:*”

In 2018 slightly over one half (52%) of survey respondents had more than 10 years of experience hunting white-tailed deer in Idaho.

Statewide –

Table 1: Percentage of respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in Idaho. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Never	9.1 (8.1-10.1)	4.1 (0-9.6)	5.3 (4.5-6.1)	6.3
1-5 Years	27.3 (25.7-28.9)	41 (29.4-52.6)	29.6 (28.2-31)	24.1
6-10 Years	11.4 (10.2-12.6)	17.1 (8.1-26.1)	13.2 (12-14.4)	13.2
Over 10 Years	52.2 (50.4-54)	37.7 (26.9-48.5)	51.9 (50.3-53.5)	56.4

Northern Idaho –

Table 2: Percentage of respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in northern Idaho. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Never	0.4 (0.2-0.6)	0.3 (0-0.9)	0.5 (0.3-0.7)
1-5 Years	26 (24-28)	32.3 (27.4-37.2)	26.9 (25.3-28.5)
6-10 Years	11.9 (10.5-13.3)	15 (11.3-18.7)	13.6 (12.4-14.8)
Over 10 Years	61.7 (59.5-63.9)	52.4 (47.3-57.5)	59.1 (57.3-60.9)

Southern Idaho –

Table 3: Percentage of respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in southern Idaho. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Never	5.4 (2.5-8.3)	6.1 (0-14.3)	1 (0-2.2)
1-5 Years	46.9 (40.4-53.4)	45.5 (28.3-62.7)	47.5 (42.2-52.8)
6-10 Years	16.7 (11.8-21.6)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	18.5 (14.2-22.8)
Over 10 Years	31 (25.1-36.9)	30.3 (14.4-46.2)	33 (28.1-37.9)

Question 2 – “*I have hunted for mule deer in Idaho:*”

In 2018 approximately one third (31%) of survey respondents had never hunted mule deer in Idaho, while approximately one third (37%) had more than 10 years’ experience hunting mule deer in Idaho.

Statewide –

Table 4: Percentage of all respondents that hunted mule deer in Idaho. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Never	30.7 (29.1-32.3)	27.4 (17.4-37.4)	27.5 (26.1-28.9)	19
1-5 Years	25.8 (24.2-27.4)	23.3 (13.7-32.9)	26.6 (25.2-28)	25
6-10 Years	6.3 (5.3-7.3)	14.2 (5.4-23)	7.6 (6.8-8.4)	9
Over 10 Years	37.2 (35.4-39)	35.1 (23.9-46.3)	38.3 (36.7-39.9)	47

Northern Idaho –

Table 5: Percentage of respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in northern Idaho. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Never	36.1 (33.9-38.3)	33.7 (28.8-38.6)	32.6 (31-34.2)
1-5 Years	27.4 (25.4-29.4)	27.3 (22.6-32)	28.5 (26.9-30.1)
6-10 Years	6.1 (5.1-7.1)	6.4 (3.9-8.9)	8 (7-9)
Over 10 Years	30.3 (28.3-32.3)	32.6 (27.7-37.5)	31 (29.4-32.6)

Southern Idaho –

Table 6: Percentage of respondents that hunted white-tailed deer in southern Idaho. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Never	14.6 (9.9-19.3)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	7 (4.3-9.7)
1-5 Years	22.1 (16.6-27.6)	21.2 (7.1-35.3)	21.4 (17.1-25.7)
6-10 Years	8.3 (4.8-11.8)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	8.6 (5.5-11.7)
Over 10 Years	55 (48.5-61.5)	36.4 (19.7-53.1)	63.1 (57.8-68.4)

Question 3 – “*When I go deer hunting in Idaho, I spend most of my time hunting for:*”

In 2018 most (79%) of survey respondents reported they spent most of their time hunting for white-tailed deer in Idaho.

Statewide –

Table 7: Percentage of respondents by the deer species primarily hunted. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Mule Deer	21.2 (19.8-22.6)	21.1 (19.9-22.3)	27.3
White-tailed Deer	78.8 (77.4-80.2)	78.9 (77.7-80.1)	72.7

Northern Idaho –

Table 8: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by the deer species primarily hunted. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Mule Deer	7.1 (5.9-8.3)	8.5 (7.5-9.5)
White-tailed Deer	92.9 (91.7-94.1)	91.5 (90.5-92.5)

Southern Idaho –

Table 9: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by the deer species primarily hunted. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Mule Deer	37.9 (31.4-44.4)	37 (31.7-42.3)
White-tailed Deer	62.1 (55.6-68.6)	63 (57.7-68.3)

Question 4 – “*Did you harvest a white-tailed deer in Idaho in the 2017 season?*”

During the 2017 hunting season 39% of the survey respondents filled their tag. This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 10: Percentage of respondents that reported hunting and harvesting white-tailed deer during 2017. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Did not hunt	17.7 (16.7-18.7)	15.4 (14.4-16.4)	25.4
Did not harvest	43.2 (41.4-45)	41.5 (39.9-43.1)	36.1
Harvested	39.2 (37.6-40.8)	43.2 (41.8-44.6)	38.5

Northern Idaho —

Table 11: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho that reported hunting and harvesting white-tailed deer during 2017. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Did not hunt	1.5 (0.9-2.1)	1.2 (0.8-1.6)
Did not harvest	46.2 (44-48.4)	41.6 (39.8-43.4)
Harvested	52.3 (50.1-54.5)	57.2 (55.4-59)

Southern Idaho –

Table 12: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho that reported hunting and harvesting white-tailed deer during 2017. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Did not hunt	7 (3.7-10.3)	3.1 (1.3-4.9)
Did not harvest	56.9 (50.4-63.4)	56.2 (50.9-61.5)
Harvested	36.1 (29.8-42.4)	40.6 (35.3-45.9)

Question 4A – “*What did you harvest?*”

The largest percent of white-tailed deer taken in 2017 were medium bucks and antlerless animals. This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 13: Percentage of respondents by type of white-tailed deer harvested in 2017. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Antlerless white-tailed deer	43.6 (38.5-48.7)	39.1 (32.4-45.8)	36.7
Large white-tailed buck	9.2 (6.1-12.3)	12.2 (8.1-16.3)	17.5
Medium white-tailed buck	34.7 (28.6-40.8)	37.3 (30.6-44)	37.4
Small white-tailed buck	12.5 (9.2-15.8)	11.4 (9-13.8)	8.4

Northern Idaho –

Table 14: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by type of white-tailed deer harvested in 2017. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Antlerless white-tailed deer	39.3 (36.6-42)	36.7 (34.5-38.9)
Large white-tailed buck	10.4 (8.6-12.2)	11 (9.4-12.6)
Medium white-tailed buck	36.6 (33.9-39.3)	38.8 (36.4-41.2)
Small white-tailed buck	13.7 (11.5-15.9)	13.5 (11.9-15.1)

Southern Idaho –

Table 15: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by type of white-tailed deer harvested in 2017. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Antlerless white-tailed deer	43.1 (32.3-53.9)	34.9 (26.9-42.9)
Large white-tailed buck	6.5 (1.6-11.4)	13.2 (7.3-19.1)
Medium white-tailed buck	32.4 (22.4-42.4)	37.6 (29.8-45.4)
Small white-tailed buck	18 (9.2-26.8)	14.3 (8.2-20.4)

Question 5 – “*In which unit(s) did you hunt white-tailed deer in Idaho during 2017?*”

In 2017, the top five units survey respondents reported hunting in were 10A, 1, 3, 2, 4 for those reporting via the Mail Survey, 10A, 1, 8A, 3, 2 for those reporting via the Email Survey, and 10A, 8A, 8, 11A, 5 for those reporting via the Internet Survey.

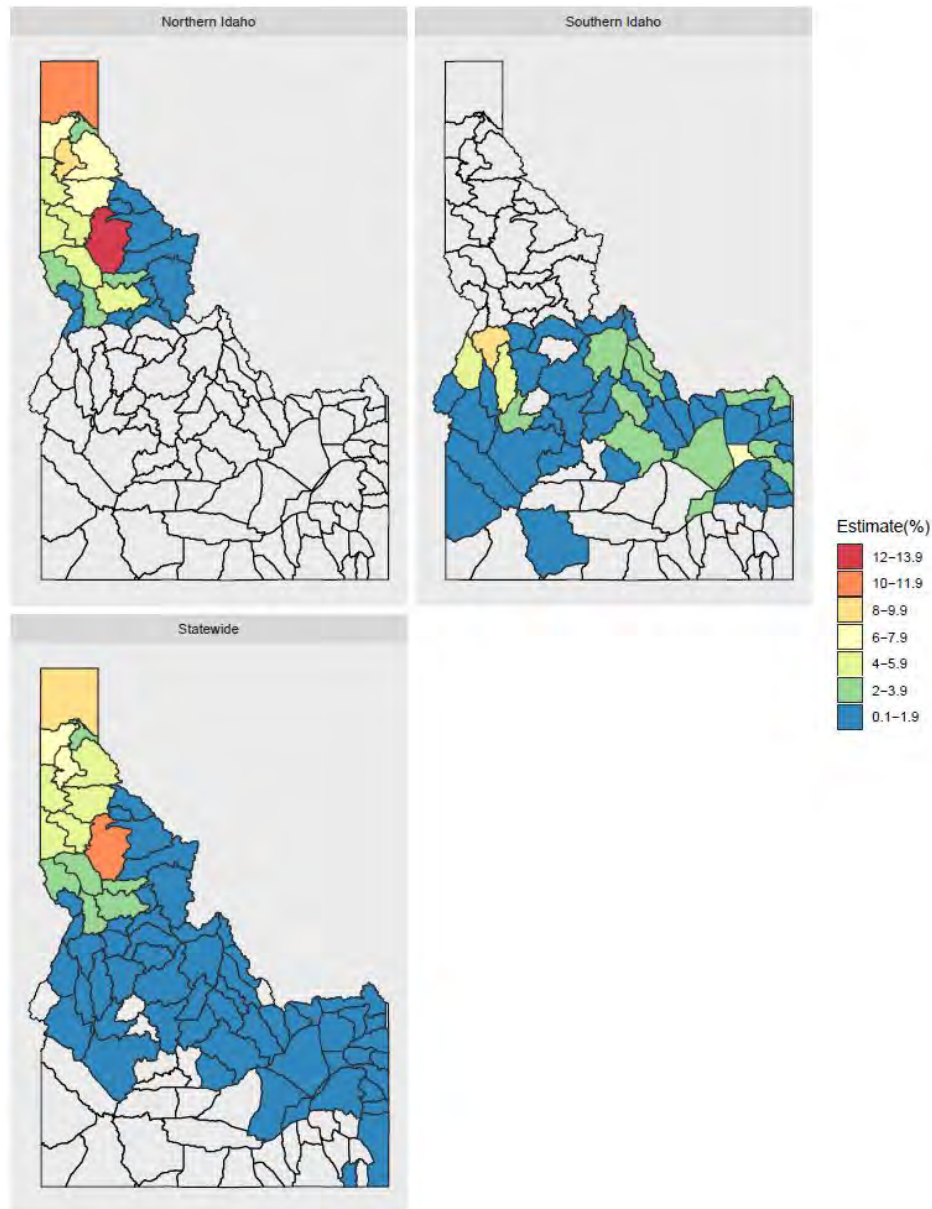


Figure 1: Percentage of white-tailed deer hunters (Estimate(%)) by unit hunted in during the previous hunting season. Results reported here are from the 2018 Mail White-tailed Deer Survey.

Question 6 – “Which of the following best describes where you typically hunt white-tailed deer in Idaho?”

In 2018, slightly more than half (52%) of survey respondents reported that they hunted for white-tailed deer in the same unit every year. This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 16: Percentage of respondents by where they typically hunt white-tailed deer. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
The Same Unit Every Year	51.5 (49.5-53.5)	55.7 (54.1-57.3)	40.1
2 Or 3 Units Every Year	43.1 (41.1-45.1)	37.8 (36.2-39.4)	49
More Than 3 Units Ever Year	3.7 (2.9-4.5)	3.2 (2.6-3.8)	6.1
A Different Unit Each Year	1.7 (1.1-2.3)	3.3 (2.7-3.9)	4.8

Northern Idaho –

Table 17: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho, by where they typically hunt white-tailed deer. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
The Same Unit Every Year	50.6 (48.4-52.8)	56.6 (54.8-58.4)
2 Or 3 Units Every Year	44.4 (42.2-46.6)	38.5 (36.7-40.3)
More Than 3 Units Ever Year	3.8 (3-4.6)	2.7 (2.1-3.3)
A Different Unit Each Year	1.2 (0.6-1.8)	2.2 (1.6-2.8)

Southern Idaho –

Table 18: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho, by where they typically hunt white-tailed deer. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
The Same Unit Every Year	53.7 (47-60.4)	48.9 (43.4-54.4)
2 Or 3 Units Every Year	39.5 (32.8-46.2)	44 (38.7-49.3)
More Than 3 Units Ever Year	2.6 (0.4-4.8)	4.1 (1.9-6.3)
A Different Unit Each Year	4.1 (1.4-6.8)	3 (1-5)

Question 7 – “IDFG should reduce antlerless white-tailed deer on private land to resolve depredation problems”

Fewer 2018 survey respondents reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing (38%) that IDFG should reduce antlerless white-tailed deer on private land to resolve depredation problems compared to the 2003 survey (40%).

Statewide –

Table 19: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	11.3 (10.1-12.5)	22.3 (12.5-32.1)	13.4 (12.2-14.6)	17.3
Agree	27.4 (25.6-29.2)	18.2 (9.6-26.8)	25.9 (24.5-27.3)	25.3
Neutral	32.4 (30.6-34.2)	31.6 (20.2-43)	30.5 (28.9-32.1)	23.8
Disagree	19.7 (18.1-21.3)	10.4 (3.3-17.5)	18.4 (17.2-19.6)	18.3
Strongly Disagree	9.2 (8-10.4)	17.5 (8.3-26.7)	11.8 (10.8-12.8)	15.2

Northern Idaho –

Table 20: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	10.8 (9.4-12.2)	23.2 (18.7-27.7)	13.3 (12.1-14.5)
Agree	27.8 (25.8-29.8)	23.5 (19-28)	26.2 (24.6-27.8)
Neutral	31.7 (29.5-33.9)	25.9 (21.2-30.6)	30.3 (28.5-32.1)
Disagree	20 (18.2-21.8)	12.5 (9-16)	18.6 (17.2-20)
Strongly Disagree	9.7 (8.3-11.1)	14.9 (11.2-18.6)	11.7 (10.5-12.9)

Southern Idaho –

Table 21: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	14.3 (9.6-19)	21.9 (7.4-36.4)	14.4 (10.5-18.3)
Agree	28.1 (22.2-34)	15.6 (2.9-28.3)	21.6 (17.1-26.1)
Neutral	24.7 (19-30.4)	34.4 (17.7-51.1)	31.5 (26.4-36.6)
Disagree	23.3 (17.8-28.8)	9.4 (0-19.6)	19.4 (15.1-23.7)
Strongly Disagree	9.6 (5.7-13.5)	18.8 (5.1-32.5)	13.1 (9.4-16.8)

Question 8 – “IDFG should spend substantially more time and resources developing access onto private land for the purpose of hunting white-tailed deer”

Most 2018 survey respondents (60%) reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing that IDFG should spend more time and resources developing access onto private land for the purpose of hunting. This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 22: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	25.2 (23.6-26.8)	33.7 (32.1-35.3)	41.2
Agree	35.4 (33.6-37.2)	31.1 (29.5-32.7)	30.4
Neutral	25.9 (24.3-27.5)	21.5 (20.1-22.9)	15.5
Disagree	9.3 (8.1-10.5)	8.7 (7.7-9.7)	6.8
Strongly Disagree	4.3 (3.5-5.1)	5 (4.2-5.8)	6.1

Northern Idaho –

Table 23: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	23.2 (21.4-25)	32.5 (30.7-34.3)
Agree	36.7 (34.5-38.9)	31.9 (30.1-33.7)
Neutral	26.1 (24.1-28.1)	22.4 (20.8-24)
Disagree	9.6 (8.2-11)	8.5 (7.5-9.5)
Strongly Disagree	4.4 (3.4-5.4)	4.8 (4-5.6)

Southern Idaho –

Table 24: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	40 (33.5-46.5)	41.1 (35.8-46.4)
Agree	31.2 (25.1-37.3)	28.2 (23.3-33.1)
Neutral	16.6 (11.9-21.3)	16.2 (12.3-20.1)
Disagree	7 (3.7-10.3)	8.2 (5.3-11.1)
Strongly Disagree	5.2 (2.3-8.1)	6.3 (3.8-8.8)

Question 9 – “*I am satisfied with the number of days of white-tailed deer hunting opportunity offered*”

Overall, more survey respondents (70%) reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 than in 2003 (60%).

Statewide –

Table 25: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	23.3 (21.7-24.9)	26.4 (17.4-35.4)	30.8 (29.4-32.2)	32.1
Agree	47.2 (45.2-49.2)	33.5 (22.3-44.7)	45.1 (43.5-46.7)	37.5
Neutral	15 (13.6-16.4)	18.3 (8.7-27.9)	10.8 (9.8-11.8)	10.1
Disagree	10.6 (9.4-11.8)	11.7 (4.1-19.3)	10.1 (9.1-11.1)	11.1
Strongly Disagree	3.8 (3-4.6)	10.1 (2.5-17.7)	3.2 (2.6-3.8)	9.3

Northern Idaho –

Table 26: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	28.2 (26.2-30.2)	42.8 (37.7-47.9)	36.1 (34.3-37.9)
Agree	50.1 (47.9-52.3)	27.9 (23.2-32.6)	46.7 (44.9-48.5)
Neutral	9 (7.8-10.2)	12.4 (8.9-15.9)	6.4 (5.4-7.4)
Disagree	9 (7.8-10.2)	11 (7.7-14.3)	7.8 (6.8-8.8)
Strongly Disagree	3.7 (2.9-4.5)	5.9 (3.4-8.4)	2.9 (2.3-3.5)

Southern Idaho –

Table 27: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	15.5 (10.6-20.4)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	24.7 (20-29.4)
Agree	46.5 (39.8-53.2)	36.4 (19.7-53.1)	45.3 (39.8-50.8)
Neutral	15.3 (10.6-20)	21.2 (7.1-35.3)	10.6 (7.3-13.9)
Disagree	16.2 (11.5-20.9)	12.1 (0.7-23.5)	15.1 (11.2-19)
Strongly Disagree	6.5 (3.4-9.6)	12.1 (0.7-23.5)	4.3 (2.1-6.5)

Question 10 – “*I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a white-tailed deer*”

Overall, more survey respondents (72%) reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 than in 2003 (56%).

Statewide –

Table 28: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	22.7 (21.1-24.3)	29 (19.4-38.6)	29.7 (28.3-31.1)	28.9
Agree	49 (47-51)	27.1 (17.1-37.1)	47.5 (45.9-49.1)	40.8
Neutral	16.8 (15.4-18.2)	15.9 (6.9-24.9)	11.9 (10.7-13.1)	11.6
Disagree	8.7 (7.7-9.7)	18.7 (8.7-28.7)	9.1 (8.1-10.1)	12.4
Strongly Disagree	2.9 (2.3-3.5)	9.4 (1.8-17)	1.9 (1.5-2.3)	6.3

Northern Idaho –

Table 29: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	27.6 (25.6-29.6)	44.5 (39.4-49.6)	34.6 (32.8-36.4)
Agree	52.5 (50.3-54.7)	32.7 (27.8-37.6)	49.5 (47.7-51.3)
Neutral	10.4 (9-11.8)	11.3 (8-14.6)	7.8 (6.8-8.8)
Disagree	6.9 (5.7-8.1)	7.6 (4.9-10.3)	6.3 (5.3-7.3)
Strongly Disagree	2.6 (2-3.2)	3.9 (1.9-5.9)	1.8 (1.4-2.2)

Southern Idaho –

Table 30: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	14.6 (9.9-19.3)	21.2 (7.1-35.3)	22.3 (17.8-26.8)
Agree	44 (37.5-50.5)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	44.3 (39-49.6)
Neutral	19.3 (14-24.6)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	15.3 (11.4-19.2)
Disagree	14.8 (10.3-19.3)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	14.8 (11.1-18.5)
Strongly Disagree	7.3 (4-10.6)	12.1 (0.7-23.5)	3.4 (1.4-5.4)

Question 11 – *“It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as elk”*

Overall, more survey respondents (59%) reported agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 than in 2003 (55%).

Statewide –

Table 31: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	24.6 (23-26.2)	40.4 (29.2-51.6)	29.7 (28.1-31.3)	22.5
Agree	33.6 (31.8-35.4)	14.9 (6.5-23.3)	27.4 (25.8-29)	21.4
Neutral	27.9 (26.1-29.7)	30.3 (19.3-41.3)	27.3 (25.9-28.7)	29.4
Disagree	10.3 (9.1-11.5)	6.2 (0.7-11.7)	11.5 (10.5-12.5)	16.8
Strongly Disagree	3.7 (2.9-4.5)	8.2 (1.5-14.9)	4.1 (3.5-4.7)	9.8

Northern Idaho –

Table 32: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	26.4 (24.4-28.4)	48.5 (43.2-53.8)	32 (30.2-33.8)
Agree	34.7 (32.5-36.9)	14.4 (10.7-18.1)	27.4 (25.8-29)
Neutral	25.5 (23.5-27.5)	24.2 (19.7-28.7)	25.5 (23.9-27.1)
Disagree	9.7 (8.3-11.1)	6.5 (4-9)	10.8 (9.6-12)
Strongly Disagree	3.6 (2.8-4.4)	6.5 (4-9)	4.3 (3.5-5.1)

Southern Idaho –

Table 33: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	26.6 (20.7-32.5)	36.4 (19.7-53.1)	21.3 (17-25.6)
Agree	23.6 (18.1-29.1)	15.2 (2.9-27.5)	25.9 (21.2-30.6)
Neutral	29.5 (23.6-35.4)	33.3 (17-49.6)	32.2 (27.1-37.3)
Disagree	14.1 (9.4-18.8)	6.1 (0-14.3)	14.1 (10.4-17.8)
Strongly Disagree	6.2 (3.1-9.3)	9.1 (0-19.1)	6.4 (3.9-8.9)

Question 12 – “*It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as mule deer*”

Overall, fewer survey respondents (54%) reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 than in 2003 (56%).

Statewide –

Table 34: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	18.9 (17.3-20.5)	42.4 (30.8-54)	23.6 (22.2-25)	19.1
Agree	34.6 (32.8-36.4)	13.8 (6.2-21.4)	28.2 (26.6-29.8)	21.9
Neutral	34 (32.2-35.8)	27.9 (17.5-38.3)	33.5 (31.9-35.1)	31.9
Disagree	9.4 (8.2-10.6)	7.8 (1.1-14.5)	10.5 (9.5-11.5)	16.4
Strongly Disagree	3.1 (2.5-3.7)	8.1 (1.4-14.8)	4.1 (3.5-4.7)	10.7

Northern Idaho –

Table 35: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	18.5 (16.7-20.3)	42.4 (37.3-47.5)	22.4 (20.8-24)
Agree	33.4 (31.2-35.6)	17.2 (13.3-21.1)	26.3 (24.7-27.9)
Neutral	36.2 (34-38.4)	29.1 (24.4-33.8)	36.3 (34.5-38.1)
Disagree	8.7 (7.5-9.9)	5.1 (2.7-7.5)	10.9 (9.7-12.1)
Strongly Disagree	3.2 (2.4-4)	6.2 (3.7-8.7)	4.1 (3.3-4.9)

Southern Idaho –

Table 36: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	27.9 (22-33.8)	42.4 (25.3-59.5)	26 (21.3-30.7)
Agree	37 (30.7-43.3)	12.1 (0.7-23.5)	30.5 (25.4-35.6)
Neutral	19.8 (14.5-25.1)	27.3 (11.8-42.8)	28.5 (23.6-33.4)
Disagree	11.4 (7.3-15.5)	9.1 (0-19.1)	8.9 (5.8-12)
Strongly Disagree	4 (1.5-6.5)	9.1 (0-19.1)	6.1 (3.6-8.6)

Question 13 – “*It is important for me to be able to hunt white tailed deer in early November*”

Overall, more survey respondents (75%) reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 than in 2003 (73%).

Statewide –

Table 37: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	31.3 (29.5-33.1)	42.8 (31.6-54)	36.6 (35-38.2)	40.2
Agree	44.1 (42.1-46.1)	30.4 (19.2-41.6)	38.4 (36.8-40)	35.9
Neutral	21.2 (19.6-22.8)	18.6 (9.6-27.6)	20.1 (18.7-21.5)	16.5
Disagree	2.9 (2.3-3.5)	4.9 (0-10.4)	3.8 (3.2-4.4)	4.5
Strongly Disagree	0.5 (0.3-0.7)	3.3 (0-7.4)	1.1 (0.7-1.5)	2.8

Northern Idaho –

Table 38: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	33.8 (31.6-36)	55.6 (50.5-60.7)	39.5 (37.7-41.3)
Agree	46 (43.8-48.2)	18.4 (14.3-22.5)	39.7 (37.9-41.5)
Neutral	17 (15.2-18.8)	19.5 (15.4-23.6)	15.9 (14.5-17.3)
Disagree	2.6 (1.8-3.4)	2.5 (0.9-4.1)	3.9 (3.1-4.7)
Strongly Disagree	0.5 (0.1-0.9)	4 (2-6)	1 (0.6-1.4)

Southern Idaho –

Table 39: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with upper (UCL) and lower (LCL) 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	35.2 (28.9-41.5)	36.4 (19.7-53.1)	40.2 (34.9-45.5)
Agree	39 (32.5-45.5)	36.4 (19.7-53.1)	33.2 (28.1-38.3)
Neutral	22.4 (16.9-27.9)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	21.3 (17-25.6)
Disagree	2.5 (0.5-4.5)	6.1 (0-14.3)	3 (1.2-4.8)
Strongly Disagree	0.8 (0-2)	3 (0-8.9)	2.3 (0.7-3.9)

Question 14 – “*It is important for me to be able to hunt white tailed deer in late November*”

Overall, the percentage of survey respondents that reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement was larger in 2018 (77%) than it was in 2003 (66%).

Statewide –

Table 40: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	39.8 (38-41.6)	43.3 (32.3-54.3)	48.6 (47-50.2)	54.6
Agree	37.4 (35.6-39.2)	23 (12.6-33.4)	31 (29.4-32.6)	23.9
Neutral	18.4 (17-19.8)	21.7 (11.7-31.7)	15.5 (14.3-16.7)	11.1
Disagree	2.9 (2.3-3.5)	8.9 (1.3-16.5)	3 (2.4-3.6)	4.8
Strongly Disagree	1.5 (1.1-1.9)	3.1 (0-7)	1.9 (1.5-2.3)	5.6

Northern Idaho –

Table 41: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	45.9 (43.7-48.1)	63.1 (58-68.2)	54.1 (52.3-55.9)
Agree	36 (33.8-38.2)	14.4 (10.7-18.1)	30.5 (28.7-32.3)
Neutral	13.8 (12.2-15.4)	16.6 (12.7-20.5)	10.8 (9.6-12)
Disagree	2.6 (1.8-3.4)	2.5 (0.9-4.1)	2.8 (2.2-3.4)
Strongly Disagree	1.8 (1.2-2.4)	3.4 (1.4-5.4)	1.8 (1.4-2.2)

Southern Idaho –

Table 42: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	33.7 (27.4-40)	33.3 (17-49.6)	46.6 (41.3-51.9)
Agree	38.5 (32-45)	27.3 (11.8-42.8)	28.5 (23.6-33.4)
Neutral	23.3 (17.8-28.8)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	21.3 (17-25.6)
Disagree	3.6 (1.2-6)	12.1 (0.7-23.5)	1.5 (0.1-2.9)
Strongly Disagree	0.8 (0-2)	3 (0-8.9)	2.1 (0.5-3.7)

Question 15 – “*It is important for me to be able to hunt a white-tailed buck every year*”

Overall, the majority of survey respondents (76%) reported that they either agreed or strongly agreed with the above statement. This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 43: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	42 (40.2-43.8)	49.2 (47.6-50.8)	57.3
Agree	33.9 (32.1-35.7)	27.5 (25.9-29.1)	22.1
Neutral	19.1 (17.5-20.7)	17.2 (16-18.4)	12.4
Disagree	4 (3.2-4.8)	4.6 (3.8-5.4)	5.2
Strongly Disagree	1 (0.6-1.4)	1.5 (1.1-1.9)	3

Northern Idaho –

Table 44: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	47.7 (45.5-49.9)	55.4 (53.6-57.2)
Agree	33.4 (31.2-35.6)	26.9 (25.3-28.5)
Neutral	14.6 (13-16.2)	12.9 (11.7-14.1)
Disagree	3.2 (2.4-4)	3.4 (2.8-4)
Strongly Disagree	1.1 (0.7-1.5)	1.3 (0.9-1.7)

Southern Idaho –

Table 45: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey	
	2018 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	40.6 (34.1-47.1)	48.9 (43.4-54.4)
Agree	33 (26.7-39.3)	26.4 (21.7-31.1)
Neutral	20.7 (15.4-26)	19.1 (14.8-23.4)
Disagree	5.1 (2.2-8)	4.1 (1.9-6.3)
Strongly Disagree	0.4 (0-1.2)	1.5 (0.1-2.9)

Question 16 – “*I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a white-tailed buck*”

Overall, more hunters reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 (71%) than in 2003 (53%).

Statewide –

Table 46: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	21.6 (20-23.2)	27.1 (17.5-36.7)	26.9 (25.5-28.3)	26.8
Agree	49.3 (47.3-51.3)	25.7 (15.7-35.7)	47.3 (45.7-48.9)	40
Neutral	17.4 (16-18.8)	27.8 (16.8-38.8)	15.3 (14.1-16.5)	13.6
Disagree	9.4 (8.2-10.6)	14.8 (5.8-23.8)	8.2 (7.2-9.2)	12.7
Strongly Disagree	2.3 (1.7-2.9)	4.6 (0.5-8.7)	2.4 (1.8-3)	7

Northern Idaho –

Table 47: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	25.9 (23.9-27.9)	38.9 (33.8-44)	30.9 (29.1-32.7)
Agree	51.4 (49.2-53.6)	28.7 (24-33.4)	49.2 (47.4-51)
Neutral	11.8 (10.4-13.2)	16.6 (12.7-20.5)	10.4 (9.2-11.6)
Disagree	8.5 (7.3-9.7)	8.2 (5.3-11.1)	7.2 (6.2-8.2)
Strongly Disagree	2.4 (1.8-3)	7.6 (4.9-10.3)	2.3 (1.7-2.9)

Southern Idaho –

Table 48: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	16.5 (11.6-21.4)	21.2 (7.1-35.3)	22.6 (18.1-27.1)
Agree	51.7 (45-58.4)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	45 (39.7-50.3)
Neutral	14.2 (9.7-18.7)	33.3 (17-49.6)	17.9 (13.8-22)
Disagree	14.2 (9.7-18.7)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	11.3 (7.8-14.8)
Strongly Disagree	3.4 (1-5.8)	3 (0-8.9)	3.2 (1.2-5.2)

Question 17 – “*I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a mature white-tailed buck*”

Overall, more survey respondents reported either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the above statement in 2018 (58%) than in 2003 (51%).

Statewide –

Table 49: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	17 (15.6-18.4)	26.7 (16.7-36.7)	20.1 (18.9-21.3)	18.1
Agree	40.6 (38.8-42.4)	24.2 (14.6-33.8)	38.1 (36.5-39.7)	27.5
Neutral	22 (20.4-23.6)	21.8 (11.8-31.8)	20.6 (19.2-22)	18.7
Disagree	15.1 (13.7-16.5)	20.8 (10.8-30.8)	15.4 (14.2-16.6)	18.7
Strongly Disagree	5.3 (4.5-6.1)	6.5 (0.8-12.2)	5.8 (5-6.6)	17

Northern Idaho –

Table 50: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	20.2 (18.4-22)	31.6 (26.7-36.5)	23.1 (21.5-24.7)
Agree	43.4 (41.2-45.6)	30.2 (25.5-34.9)	39.4 (37.6-41.2)
Neutral	16.4 (14.8-18)	16.9 (13-20.8)	17 (15.6-18.4)
Disagree	14.2 (12.6-15.8)	13.8 (10.3-17.3)	14.6 (13.2-16)
Strongly Disagree	5.8 (4.8-6.8)	7.3 (4.6-10)	6 (5.2-6.8)

Southern Idaho –

Table 51: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	13.1 (8.6-17.6)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	18.6 (14.3-22.9)
Agree	39.6 (33.1-46.1)	21.2 (7.1-35.3)	36 (30.9-41.1)
Neutral	22.1 (16.6-27.6)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	20.5 (16.2-24.8)
Disagree	17.1 (12.4-21.8)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	17.9 (13.8-22)
Strongly Disagree	8.2 (4.5-11.9)	6.1 (0-14.3)	7 (4.3-9.7)

Question 18 – “Some units should be managed for large white tailed bucks, even if it means shorter seasons or controlled hunts. Realizing I might not get to hunt a buck every year, I would accept these types of restrictions in the unit that I hunt”

Overall, in 2018 more survey respondents (42%) disagreed or strongly disagreed than agreed or strongly agreed (33%).

Statewide –

Table 52: Percentage of respondents by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey			
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Strongly Agree	9 (7.8-10.2)	16.3 (7.3-25.3)	12.1 (11.1-13.1)	21.1
Agree	24.2 (22.6-25.8)	18.8 (9.2-28.4)	22.5 (21.1-23.9)	21
Neutral	24.9 (23.3-26.5)	25.8 (15.8-35.8)	22.4 (21-23.8)	15
Disagree	26.7 (25.1-28.3)	19.4 (10.4-28.4)	26.1 (24.7-27.5)	19.8
Strongly Disagree	15.2 (13.8-16.6)	19.7 (10.7-28.7)	16.8 (15.6-18)	23.1

Northern Idaho –

Table 53: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	8 (6.8-9.2)	12.4 (8.9-15.9)	11.4 (10.2-12.6)
Agree	22.8 (21-24.6)	14.1 (10.6-17.6)	20.3 (18.7-21.9)
Neutral	22.5 (20.7-24.3)	29 (24.3-33.7)	21.6 (20-23.2)
Disagree	28.9 (26.9-30.9)	21.7 (17.4-26)	28 (26.4-29.6)
Strongly Disagree	17.7 (15.9-19.5)	22.8 (18.5-27.1)	18.8 (17.4-20.2)

Southern Idaho –

Table 54: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of agreement. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Response	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2003 Mail	2018 Email
Strongly Agree	9.5 (5.8-13.2)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	11.4 (7.9-14.9)
Agree	27 (21.1-32.9)	21.2 (7.1-35.3)	22.3 (17.8-26.8)
Neutral	22 (16.7-27.3)	24.2 (9.3-39.1)	23.4 (18.9-27.9)
Disagree	27 (21.3-32.7)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	25.6 (20.9-30.3)
Strongly Disagree	14.5 (9.8-19.2)	18.2 (4.9-31.5)	17.3 (13.2-21.4)

Question 19 – “How satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of your 2017 white-tailed deer hunting experience?”

Most survey respondents were either satisfied or neutral about the ‘Amount of access’ (51% satisfied and 23% neutral), ‘Length of season’ (75% satisfied and 11% neutral), ‘Number of hunters’ (46% satisfied and 28% neutral), ‘Quality of experience’ (69% satisfied and 18% neutral), and ‘Timing of season’ (79% and 12% neutral). This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 55: Percentage of respondents by level of satisfaction. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Characteristic	Response	Survey		
		2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Amount of access	Very Satisfied	10.5 (9.3-11.7)	15.7 (14.3-17.1)	16
	Satisfied	39.9 (37.5-42.3)	39.1 (37.1-41.1)	35.7
	Neutral	23.2 (21-25.4)	21.5 (19.7-23.3)	21.6
	Dissatisfied	19.3 (17.3-21.3)	18.3 (16.5-20.1)	17.7
	Very Dissatisfied	7 (5.6-8.4)	5.4 (4.4-6.4)	9
Length of season	Very Satisfied	26.4 (24.4-28.4)	37.3 (35.3-39.3)	41.6
	Satisfied	50.2 (47.8-52.6)	45.4 (43.2-47.6)	30.6
	Neutral	10.6 (8.8-12.4)	6.9 (5.7-8.1)	9.3
	Dissatisfied	9.6 (8-11.2)	7.1 (5.9-8.3)	10.2
	Very Dissatisfied	3.2 (2.4-4)	3.4 (2.6-4.2)	8.2
Number of hunters	Very Satisfied	9.4 (8.2-10.6)	14.1 (12.7-15.5)	10.6
	Satisfied	37.4 (35-39.8)	38.6 (36.6-40.6)	26
	Neutral	27.9 (25.7-30.1)	23.6 (21.8-25.4)	22.4
	Dissatisfied	18 (16-20)	15.5 (13.9-17.1)	17.3
	Very Dissatisfied	7.4 (6.2-8.6)	8.3 (7.1-9.5)	23.7
Quality of experience	Very Satisfied	15.4 (13.8-17)	21.1 (19.5-22.7)	20.4
	Satisfied	54 (51.6-56.4)	52.3 (50.1-54.5)	39.2
	Neutral	17.5 (15.5-19.5)	14.5 (12.9-16.1)	17
	Dissatisfied	10 (8.4-11.6)	8.6 (7.4-9.8)	12.3
	Very Dissatisfied	3.1 (2.3-3.9)	3.5 (2.7-4.3)	11.2
Timing of season	Very Satisfied	25.5 (23.5-27.5)	36.4 (34.4-38.4)	40.3
	Satisfied	52.8 (50.4-55.2)	45.6 (43.4-47.8)	34
	Neutral	12.2 (10.4-14)	9.3 (7.9-10.7)	10
	Dissatisfied	7.4 (6-8.8)	6.4 (5.2-7.6)	9.5
	Very Dissatisfied	2.2 (1.6-2.8)	2.4 (1.8-3)	6.3

Northern Idaho –

Table 56: Percentage of respondents that hunted in northern Idaho by level of satisfaction. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Characteristic	Response	Survey	
		2018 Mail	2018 Email
Amount of access	Very Satisfied	13 (11.4-14.6)	17.5 (16.1-18.9)
	Satisfied	42.2 (40-44.4)	41.2 (39.4-43)
	Neutral	21.7 (19.7-23.7)	20.9 (19.3-22.5)
	Dissatisfied	18.3 (16.5-20.1)	16.1 (14.7-17.5)
	Very Dissatisfied	4.7 (3.7-5.7)	4.3 (3.5-5.1)
Length of season	Very Satisfied	31.5 (29.3-33.7)	41.9 (40.1-43.7)
	Satisfied	51.2 (49-53.4)	45 (43.2-46.8)
	Neutral	7.4 (6.2-8.6)	5.3 (4.5-6.1)
	Dissatisfied	6.8 (5.6-8)	5 (4.2-5.8)
	Very Dissatisfied	3.1 (2.3-3.9)	2.8 (2.2-3.4)
Number of hunters	Very Satisfied	11.4 (10-12.8)	15.4 (14-16.8)
	Satisfied	37.5 (35.3-39.7)	38.6 (36.8-40.4)
	Neutral	26.4 (24.4-28.4)	22.5 (20.9-24.1)
	Dissatisfied	16.2 (14.6-17.8)	15 (13.6-16.4)
	Very Dissatisfied	8.6 (7.4-9.8)	8.5 (7.5-9.5)
Quality of experience	Very Satisfied	19.5 (17.7-21.3)	23.8 (22.2-25.4)
	Satisfied	53.9 (51.7-56.1)	53.6 (51.8-55.4)
	Neutral	15.4 (13.8-17)	12.5 (11.3-13.7)
	Dissatisfied	8 (6.8-9.2)	7.1 (6.1-8.1)
	Very Dissatisfied	3.3 (2.5-4.1)	3 (2.4-3.6)
Timing of season	Very Satisfied	30.2 (28-32.4)	41.1 (39.3-42.9)
	Satisfied	53.6 (51.4-55.8)	45.6 (43.8-47.4)
	Neutral	9.4 (8-10.8)	6.7 (5.7-7.7)
	Dissatisfied	4.5 (3.5-5.5)	4.6 (3.8-5.4)
	Very Dissatisfied	2.2 (1.4-3)	1.9 (1.3-2.5)

Southern Idaho –

Table 57: Percentage of respondents that hunted in southern Idaho by level of satisfaction. Estimates are presented with 95% confidence limits.

Characteristic	Response	Survey	
		2018 Mail	2018 Email
Amount of access	Very Satisfied	8.9 (4.8-13)	11.8 (8.1-15.5)
	Satisfied	29.4 (23.1-35.7)	28.8 (23.7-33.9)
	Neutral	22.7 (17-28.4)	24.5 (19.6-29.4)
	Dissatisfied	24.9 (19-30.8)	23.7 (19-28.4)
	Very Dissatisfied	14.1 (9.2-19)	11.2 (7.7-14.7)
Length of season	Very Satisfied	16 (10.9-21.1)	29.6 (24.5-34.7)
	Satisfied	51.7 (44.8-58.6)	45.4 (39.9-50.9)
	Neutral	14.5 (9.6-19.4)	12.2 (8.5-15.9)
	Dissatisfied	15.8 (10.9-20.7)	10.2 (6.9-13.5)
	Very Dissatisfied	2 (0.2-3.8)	2.6 (0.8-4.4)
Number of hunters	Very Satisfied	10 (5.7-14.3)	13.7 (9.8-17.6)
	Satisfied	39.1 (32.4-45.8)	39.3 (33.8-44.8)
	Neutral	28.6 (22.5-34.7)	23.1 (18.4-27.8)
	Dissatisfied	14.7 (10-19.4)	15.3 (11.2-19.4)
	Very Dissatisfied	7.6 (3.9-11.3)	8.7 (5.6-11.8)
Quality of experience	Very Satisfied	11 (6.7-15.3)	18 (13.7-22.3)
	Satisfied	52.1 (45.2-59)	48.2 (42.7-53.7)
	Neutral	20.1 (14.6-25.6)	16.9 (12.6-21.2)
	Dissatisfied	11.2 (6.9-15.5)	12 (8.3-15.7)
	Very Dissatisfied	5.6 (2.5-8.7)	4.8 (2.4-7.2)
Timing of season	Very Satisfied	15.8 (10.7-20.9)	29.5 (24.4-34.6)
	Satisfied	55.1 (48.2-62)	42 (36.5-47.5)
	Neutral	13.9 (9.2-18.6)	15.6 (11.5-19.7)
	Dissatisfied	11.9 (7.6-16.2)	9.6 (6.3-12.9)
	Very Dissatisfied	3.2 (1-5.4)	3.4 (1.4-5.4)

Question 20 – “If you were ‘Very Dissatisfied’ with any of the characteristics in question 19 please tell us why”

Overall, 16% of all Mail Survey respondents, 16% of all Email Survey respondents, and 35% of all Internet Survey respondents indicated they were ‘Very Dissatisfied’ for at least one of the characteristics in question 19. This question was not asked in 2003.

Statewide –

Table 58: Number of respondents who indicated they were ‘Very Dissatisfied’ for at least one category in question 19 by reason for dissatisfaction.

Reason	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Things are good / like current management	18	33	10
Non-resident hunter numbers	118	122	107
Hunter behavior	30	92	30
Timing of hunt	20	90	34
Season too short	37	25	NA
Length of hunt (too long)	183	87	63
Lack of access (private land)	149	154	42
Lack of access (public land)	60	51	17
Unhappy with depredation system	14	24	25
Wolves	19	34	15
Other predators	4	10	8
Low deer numbers	34	70	33
Low numbers of mature bucks	45	64	68
Hunter congestion	89	112	69
Point restrictions	5	18	16
Don’t manage for trophy bucks / maintain opportunity	5	16	5
Choose your weapon	2	5	1
Don’t like the second tag	21	27	50
Don’t like the mentor program	0	0	0
ATVs / UTVs - too many	42	52	37
Limit doe hunting	7	24	NA
Too many deer	3	13	0

Question 21 – “*Is there anything else you’d like to tell us about hunting white-tailed deer in Idaho? We would appreciate any comments.*”

Statewide –

Table 59: Number of respondents who submitted a comment for question 21 by comment topic.

Comment Topic	Survey		
	2018 Mail	2018 Email	2018 Internet
Things are good / like current management	192	384	88
Non-resident hunter numbers	59	75	37
Hunter behavior	32	68	13
Timing of hunt	25	102	55
Season too short	20	51	NA
Length of hunt (too long)	55	69	50
Lack of access (private land)	86	158	27
Lack of access (public land)	26	29	17
Unhappy with depredation system	29	43	16
Wolves	81	86	30
Other predators	16	14	14
Low deer numbers	51	88	25
Low numbers of mature bucks	67	99	46
Hunter congestion	26	33	28
Point restrictions	57	63	48
Don't manage for trophy bucks / maintain opportunity	71	157	22
Choose your weapon	9	5	10
Don't like the second tag	37	27	67
Don't like the mentor program	1	0	0
ATVs / UTVs - too many	33	35	30
Limit doe hunting	19	55	NA
Too many deer	61	87	17



White-tailed Deer Hunting in Idaho

Understanding the needs and
experiences of hunters

First, some questions about your hunting behavior.

Please check only **one** answer for questions 1 through 3 below.

1. I have hunted for **white-tailed** deer in Idaho:

- ☐ NEVER
- ☐ 1-5 YEARS
- ☐ 6-10 YEARS
- ☐ OVER 10 YEARS

2. I have hunted for mule deer in Idaho:

- ☐ NEVER
- ☐ 1-5 YEARS
- ☐ 6-10 YEARS
- ☐ OVER 10 YEARS

3. When I go deer hunting in Idaho, I spend most of my time hunting for:

- ☐ MULE DEER
- ☐ WHITE-TAILED DEER

Now, some questions about your Idaho White-tailed Deer hunt.

4. Did you harvest a white-tailed deer in Idaho in the 2017 season?

*(Please check only **one** response)*

- ☐ I DID NOT HUNT WHITE-TAILED DEER IN IDAHO IN 2017
- ☐ NO, I DID NOT HARVEST A WHITE-TAILED DEER IN IDAHO IN 2017
- ☐ YES, WHAT DID YOU HARVEST? *(Please check **all** that apply)*



- ☐ LARGE WHITE-TAILED BUCK (ANTLERS EXTEND OUTSIDE THE EARS, 5 OR MORE POINTS A SIDE)
- ☐ MEDIUM WHITE-TAILED BUCK (ANTLERS NOT WIDER THAN THE EARS, 3 - 4 POINTS A SIDE)
- ☐ SMALL WHITE-TAILED BUCK (1 – 2 POINTS A SIDE)
- ☐ ANTLERLESS WHITE-TAILED DEER (DOE OR FAWN)

5. In which unit(s) did you hunt white-tailed deer in Idaho during 2017? (Please refer to the map)

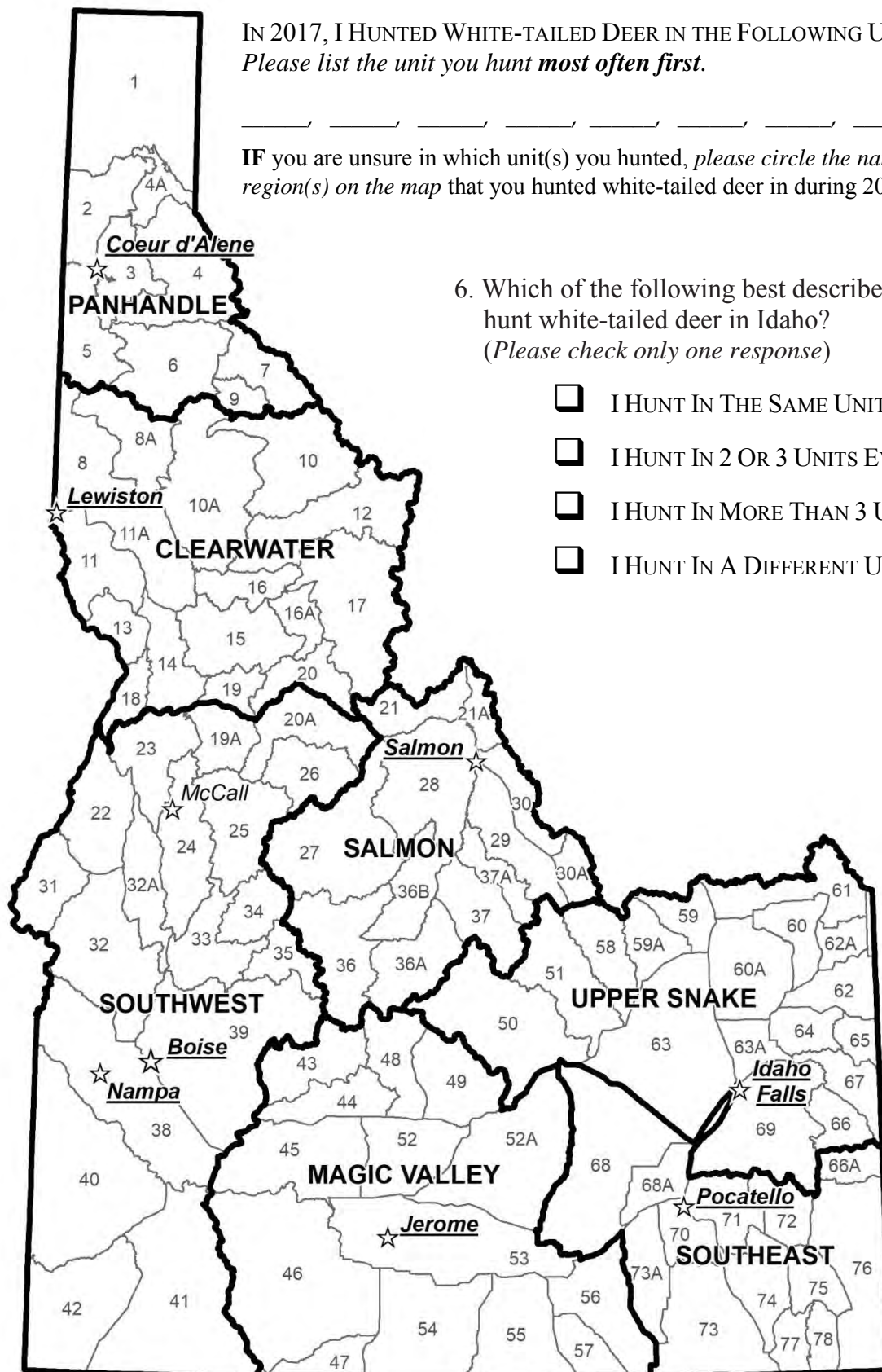
☐ I did not hunt white-tailed deer in Idaho in 2017 (Please skip to question 6 below)

IN 2017, I HUNTED WHITE-TAILED DEER IN THE FOLLOWING UNIT(S):
Please list the unit you hunt **most often first**.

IF you are unsure in which unit(s) you hunted, please circle the name(s) of the region(s) on the map that you hunted white-tailed deer in during 2017.

6. Which of the following best describes where you typically hunt white-tailed deer in Idaho?
(Please check only one response)

- ☐ I HUNT IN THE SAME UNIT EVERY YEAR
- ☐ I HUNT IN 2 OR 3 UNITS EVERY YEAR
- ☐ I HUNT IN MORE THAN 3 UNITS EVERY YEAR
- ☐ I HUNT IN A DIFFERENT UNIT EACH YEAR



Private Property Issues: Depredations, Trespass, Access

High numbers of white-tailed deer on some private property are resulting in significant agricultural crop damage. The Department also receives numerous complaints involving damage to gardens and ornamental shrubs and animal-vehicle collisions due to deer.

Several social issues make it difficult to address the problem of too many deer on private property. These include:

- 1) landowner concerns with hunter numbers, ethics, and trespass;
- 2) some landowners not allowing hunter access which results in a deer sanctuary situation; and
- 3) hunter concerns regarding lack of access to private property (resulting in hunters shifting to adjacent public lands).

For the remaining survey please circle only one response that best describes how you feel about the statement made.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle one response for each statement)

7. IDFG should reduce antlerless white-tailed deer on private land to resolve depredation problems.

STRONGLY
AGREE

AGREE

NEUTRAL

DISAGREE

STRONGLY
DISAGREE

8. IDFG should spend substantially more time and resources developing access onto private land for the purpose of hunting white-tailed deer.

STRONGLY
AGREE

AGREE

NEUTRAL

DISAGREE

STRONGLY
DISAGREE

Hunting Opportunities

Hunting for white-tailed deer may include opportunities such as long seasons, hunting of bucks and does at the same time, the opportunity to take a mule deer if one is encountered, hunting during the rut, and overlap with the elk season. Most white-tailed deer seasons include portions of October and November.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle one response for each statement)

9. I am satisfied with the number of days of white-tailed deer hunting opportunity offered.

STRONGLY
AGREE

AGREE

NEUTRAL

DISAGREE

STRONGLY
DISAGREE

10. I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a white-tailed deer.

STRONGLY
AGREE

AGREE

NEUTRAL

DISAGREE

STRONGLY
DISAGREE

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle one response for each statement)

11. It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as <u>elk</u> .	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
12. It is important for me to be able to hunt for white-tailed deer at the same time and place as <u>mule deer</u> .	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
13. It is important for me to be able to hunt white-tailed deer in <u>early November</u> .	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
14. It is important for me to be able to hunt white-tailed deer in <u>late November</u> .	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
15. It is important for me to be able to hunt a white-tailed buck every year.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE

Buck Management

Some hunters report encountering fewer and/or smaller bucks than they desire. While the current white-tailed deer management plan objective for the percent of 5-point or larger bucks in the harvest is being met, the Department is receiving input from some hunters wanting to restrict seasons to attempt to increase buck quality.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle one response for each statement)

16. I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a white-tailed buck.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
17. I am satisfied with my chance to harvest a <u>mature</u> white-tailed buck.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
18. Some units should be managed for large white-tailed bucks, even if it means shorter seasons or controlled hunts. Realizing I might not get to hunt a buck every year, I would accept these types of restrictions in the unit that I hunt.	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE

Finally, some questions about your satisfaction with white-tailed deer hunting in 2017.

19. How satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of your 2017 white-tailed deer hunting experience?

☐ I did not hunt white-tailed deer in Idaho in 2017 (*Please go to the end of the survey.*)

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR 2017 IDAHO WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING EXPERIENCE

How satisfied were you with your 2017 Idaho white-tailed deer hunting experience?
(*Please circle one response for each statement*)

A. The length of the season	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED
B. The timing of the deer season	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED
C. The number of other hunters you encountered	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED
D. The amount of access	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED
E. The overall quality of your white-tailed deer hunting experience	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED

20. If you were “Very Dissatisfied” with any of the characteristics in question 19 please tell us why.
(*Please write in your reasons*)

Is there anything else you’d like to tell us about hunting white-tailed deer in Idaho? We would appreciate any comments.

Thank you